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# Gus Poyet

Our win at Huddersfield Town last weekend made it five matches unbeaten, and sees us in good form going into today's match with Bolton Wanderers at the Amex

The first half at Huddersfield saw us play very well, in our style of football, and we controlled the half. As expected, the home side came at us more in the second half but we dug in to ensure a deserved victory - limiting them to a minimum number of half chances.

However, as I said to Tano that morning and told the media afterwards, a draw or defeat and we'd have been discussing a run of one win in ten. That's football!

Of course, once again that only demonstrates the tiny margins in the Championship; we've all heard it said that anyone can beat anyone, and we know that there are 14-16 teams who all believe they are chasing promotion in any given season.

That is exactly why we should not get too down when we suffer setbacks and too carried away with a good win like last Saturday. We

are Brighton, we do things in our identity and overall we will continue our progression.

We - the players and staff - must also remember it's the moments of quality, which we saw at Huddersfield and in our attacking play at Wolves a week earlier, which will improve our chances of victory.

It has been excellent how you have stuck with us during that tricky run of results - although overall we know performances have been of a very high standard. It is important we remain realistic like that - that helps the team - and it is realistic that we stay in touch with the top six. We are doing that - then who knows what can be achieved in the closing weeks of the season.

Today we welcome Bolton to the Amex and of course Dougie Freedman, his staff, and players. Dougie knows us and this division well and he has a side with quality

throughout - and of course Premier League experience right the way through it. We have seen the difference our own Premier League-experienced players can make, so we know today will not be an easy task - but with back-to-back home games we have a great opportunity to extend that unbeaten run.

Get behind the team both today and on Tuesday as I know you will and hopefully we can make it an excellent end to an already good month of November.



# BN1 Hotline



THE LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE THE AMEX

## Mervyn relishes new challenge

Seagull catches up with the club's new Scouting and Talent Identification Manager, Mervyn Day

**Welcome to Brighton, Mervyn, how did the move come about?**

It all came from a chance call with Andy Beasley [goalkeeping coach], who I worked with at Leeds. We were speaking on the phone and he asked if I'd like to help out with the Academy goalkeepers. Next minute, I'm picking up a call from David Burke [head of football operations], who I've known for some time, and he's offered me the Scouting and Talent Identification Manager's job. In layman's terms, I'm in charge of scouting and recruitment, working with our scouting team and analysts. We've got a good recruitment department and it's now up to me to make sure it works perfectly and we produce the right type of player for the manager moving forward.

**While many will know you as a former keeper, you're not alien to this are you?**  
Before I joined up with Alan Curbishley at Charlton in 1998 [Mervyn was assistant manager at The

Valley], I'd been manager and assistant manager at Carlisle where I had to do my own scouting. Then, when I worked with Curbs at Charlton and West Ham, we always did the majority of the scouting ourselves. Alan wasn't one to rely on a video or someone's word, he wanted to see a player for himself. When I left West Ham I worked for Fulham for two years having previously scouted for the FA when Steve McClaren was manager. Then I was appointed chief scout at Leeds but left when Neil Warnock came in, and I returned to Fulham as senior scout, doing match analysis and talent identification.

**Has the role changed since the Carlisle days?**

There's a lot more out there in terms of how and when you can see players. You can access footage of all the leagues worldwide and can sit in a darkened room and watch football 24/7 if you want to. In terms of your preparation you don't particularly have to go to see a

player first, you can watch four or five DVDs before deciding whether to physically go out and watch a player from abroad for example. There are a lot of time-saving devices out there. We are also dealing a lot more with agents and agencies, and they have a massive say in where a player ends up.

**Fundamentally it's about players though, right?**

It's about watching as many players and as many games as possible, spreading that net as wide as you can. When you've done that – and at Brighton we've got a lot of good people out in the field to filter the info back – it's about prioritising and going to watch, with senior management, the players that have been recommended.

**Will you be focusing on the first-team or younger age groups?**

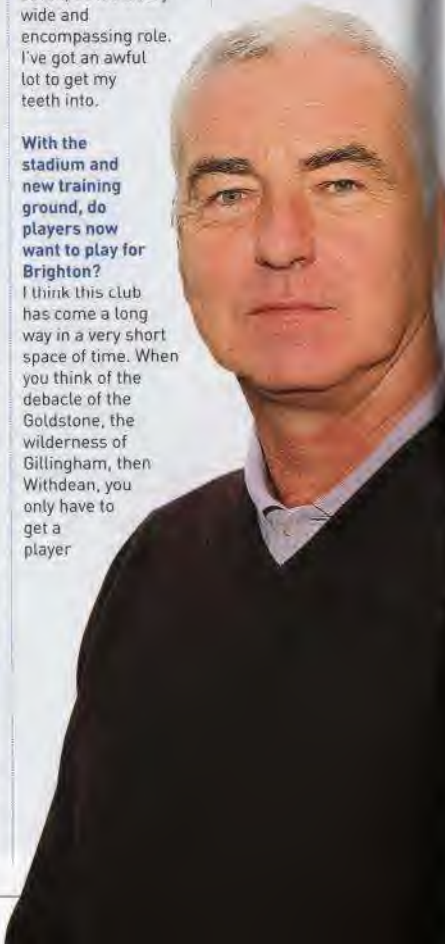
All levels. Initially it's about the first team but then it's to look at what we've got in the development squad. If there's a player of 18 or 19 who we feel will improve that squad

then we need to look at that. Also there's the Academy recruitment where we're looking at little Johnny who is six or seven, so it's a very wide and encompassing role. I've got an awful lot to get my teeth into.

**With the stadium and new training ground, do players now want to play for Brighton?**

I think this club has come a long way in a very short space of time. When you think of the debacle of the Goldstone, the wilderness of Gillingham, then Withead, you only have to get a player

through the front door at this wonderful stadium to have a chance of signing them. Hopefully within





the next year or so the new training ground will be up and running, and when you've got that as well, you've got the perfect opportunity to not only encourage kids to sign but top quality players as well. If we are fortunate enough to get ourselves into the Premier League at some point, we'll be able to attract top, top players.

**Will we see you out on the training ground?**

You might see me occasionally because another strand of my job is as Academy goalkeeping manager. Principally that's coach education with the goalkeeping coaches, but I'll also

get involved on the pitch as and when I see fit with the U18s and maybe development squad.

**Finally, any recollection of playing against Brighton?**

[laughs] I once made a right fool of myself down at the Goldstone when I was playing for Leeds in the season we went up to the old First Division [1989-90]. I had this ritual before kick-off where I touched the posts then the top of the bar. As I've swung off the bar, my feet got caught in the netting and I've ended up getting tangled on the floor! It's on YouTube if you look it up! I remember my wife and kids came down that day and had a pre-match meal with Curbs in his Brighton flat. They couldn't believe how relaxed he was before a big game. He was serving them beans on toast instead of the other way round!

## Vote for your Man of the Match

**Albion fans will get the chance to win a signed home shirt by voting for their Man of the Match today.**

To be in with a chance of winning, text BHAFC followed by the number of the Albion player who is your man of the match to 82055. You can enter any time after kick-off until midnight on Monday. The player with the most votes will be our Man of the Match and all winning votes will be entered into a special draw to win the shirt.

Winners will notified within 48 hours of the competition closing.



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### Congratulations Crofty!

Congratulations from everyone at the club to Andrew Crofts on the birth of Belle Lily Crofts on November 17. Mum and baby are doing great.

### Congrats

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## REMF's wonderful donation

Today's half-time big screen footage highlights the specially adapted minibus recently donated by the Robert Eaton Memorial Fund (REMF) to Albion in the Community.

The keys to the £30,000 vehicle will be presented to

AITC's Teresa Sanders pitchside by REMF chairman Tony Langridge, vice chair Gareth Glover and Doug Eaton, Robert's father.

Robert tragically lost his life in the September 11 terrorist attacks and the fund was established in his honour. With the magnificent support of their Crystal Palace counterparts, Albion fans have raised an incredible £120,000 over the last 11 years. For more information, please visit [www.remf.org.uk](http://www.remf.org.uk).



## Albion Youth host Stoke at the Amex

Albion's youth team have been drawn against Premier League Stoke City in the third round of the FA Youth Cup and the game will be played at the Amex on Tuesday 11th December - kick-off 7pm.

Both teams were introduced at the third-round stage this season and the Potters will provide a stern test for Simon Rusk's team.

"This is a great opportunity for the lads and we are very thankful to the club for letting us play at the Amex, because some clubs wouldn't give the under-18s the chance," he says. "The FA Youth Cup is a big stage for the lads to prove themselves and to get a taste of what they could experience as they strive to become professional footballers."

Ticket information can be found on this and the Development Squad's game at the Amex against Swansea on Monday, 3rd December on page 65.

## New addition

Here is Oliver Brian Holden who was born on Monday 10th September at 3.59pm to Lauren Compton and Joe Holden, weighing an impressive 9lb 4oz!

Oliver was registered as a Young Seagull when he was just an hour-and-a-half old wearing his Seagulls outfit! His parents are 1901 Club season ticket holders and enjoy both home and away matches. They tell us that as soon as Oliver is old enough he will be coming to the games too!



## Spanish connection extends to the stands

It's not just on the pitch where Albion has a Spanish connection.

West Stand season ticket holder Nigel Tomsett sent us this picture of his

three granddaughters who live in Madrid. "They are all mad Albion fans in spite of their mother being a Real Madrid supporter!" he tells us.

Pictured are Emma 9, Elena 5 and Anna 2 who are coming over with father Richard and mother Sita for the Christmas game against Watford.



## Women beat table-topping Reading

Albion Women's promotion prospects were given a huge boost after a thrilling 4-3 victory over the FA Women's Premier League Southern Division leaders Reading on November 11.

A Kim Stenning hat-trick and a header from Tammy Waine ensured the Seagulls closed the gap to just four points behind the Royals.

Last weekend, a young team also defeated Eastbourne 1-0 in the Sussex Women's Challenge Cup.

The team are back in action at Withead next Sunday (December 21), for a Premier League Southern Division fixture against West Ham, kick-off 1.30pm. There will be more on Albion Women in Tuesday's programme.

## Mike completes the 92

Congratulations to Mike Savage, whose visit to the Amex this afternoon completes his visit to all 92 Premier League and Football League grounds.

His first visit to the Albion was in October 1978 for a 2-1 defeat to West Ham at the Goldstone Ground, and he also visited Withead in August 2004 when the Seagulls beat Preston 1-0.

As well as the 92, Mike has been to another 62 grounds which are no longer Premier or Football League grounds (eg Highbury) and he has been to all 40 Scottish grounds as well!

Well done Mike, from everyone at the Albion.

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# Paul Barber

First an important word on the behaviour of Albion fans in the last few weeks. Overall the vast majority of our supporters have, as usual, been exemplary and a credit to the club this season...

However, it is regrettable that we have seen some anti-social behaviour creeping in at recent home and away matches amongst a small minority of our supporters.

There were several incidents in the North Stand at our last home game against Peterborough United, including ejections for drinking in the stands. This is unacceptable and not permitted in view of the pitch at any football ground in the UK. It also puts our licence to serve alcohol in jeopardy, which would have a severe impact on the club.

Furthermore we have also issued a five-year stadium ban to an individual who admitted using racist language during the Leeds United match on 2nd November. The abuse was reported to the club by Albion supporters seated in the same area after the match. Following an investigation the person involved was traced by the club and admitted using racist language.

## STEWARDS

Several stewards were also subjected to abuse at the Peterborough game and we had reports of anti-social incidents at the Wolverhampton Wanderers away match. We will not tolerate

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this type of behaviour from any supporter. Anyone caught doing so will be immediately ejected and will face a potentially lengthy ban from future matches.

It is important fans comply with the guidance and advice offered by our stewards. They are there to ensure everyone's enjoyment and safety and we want the Amex to be a welcoming stadium for everyone. We have a fantastic matchday stewarding and operations team, underlined by the national award the team won a week ago (left) for their welcoming and friendly approach they have shown since the Amex opened. So a huge well done to all the team, who beat three Premier League teams, Aston Villa, Chelsea and Sunderland, to win the Venue Team of the Year Award at the Football Business Awards. The judges ruled there was a 'crystal



clear vision backed up with a plan and impressive results. This is a team delivering across all areas of the venue's remit.'

## CRYSTAL PALACE

I hope my comments above prove to be a timely reminder ahead of next Saturday's visit to Selhurst Park for our derby match with Crystal Palace. We are all looking forward to an exciting fixture, but let's enjoy the rivalry and not let the anti-social behaviour of a few spoil it for the majority. We are working with Crystal Palace, Sussex Police, the Metropolitan Police and British Transport Police to ensure that happens.

Having sold out our allocation we have been able to offer fans without tickets for Selhurst Park the option of joining us at the Amex for a beam-back thanks to the agreement of Crystal Palace, the FA and Football League. This is an exciting first for the club at the Amex, and with it proving extremely popular amongst supporters, this is something we can look at providing for future high-profile fixtures. As ever, thank you for your continued support for the club.



Albion directors Martin Perry and Derek Chapman with the Venue Team of the Year Award at the Football Business Awards.

We have a zero tolerance policy on racial or homophobic language and abuse, and on this occasion the penalty may have been stiffer, and further action may have been taken, but for the individual's immediate cooperation and remorse.

# Andrea Orlandi

Each week we've been unearthing the secrets of an Albion player's kitbag. Today it's our Milan loving, Greek Mythology reading, law degree studying midfielder

## Is the game more physical in England?

It's a lot more physical and every game I come off the pitch with bruises, but I love the game here and the spirit in which football is played. The worst injury I've suffered in England was when I was at Swansea and we played Charlie Oatway's Havant and Waterlooville in the FA Cup. Their left-back smashed me with a two-footed tackle and got sent off for it. I needed an operation as a result. Charlie remembers the game when I reminded him about it, but obviously didn't know it was me who was kicked up into the air!

I'VE ALWAYS TAKEN CARE WITH MY HAIR AND REMEMBER EVEN TRYING TO CUT IT MYSELF WITH SCISSORS WHEN I WAS REALLY YOUNG!

## What shirt did you always wear in training as a kid?

My parents are from Italy, so I was an AC Milan fan as a kid. My mum supported them, so I always had a Milan shirt. Ruud Gullit was my favourite player until I actually met him when I was about eight or nine and he refused to give me his autograph. He was so rude. In Spain, my favourite team was Espanyol as I lived near the stadium and my favourite player was a left winger called Jordi Lardin, who was totally different to Gullit. He gave me his boots and shirt, which I wore all the time.

## Do you eat anything on the way to training?

No, I'm up at 7am with our baby and will have my coffee and toast before I leave the house. That's it until after training when we all sit down together at the training ground. Both our chefs, at the stadium and at the training ground, are really good cooks and I particularly like the soups here. There are slight differences to what the players would eat in Spain; the players here eat a lot more chicken, whereas in Spain there's a lot more red meat. You don't have scrambled eggs and beans in Spain either for breakfast!

## With these cold English winters, do you have a pair of gloves in your kitbag?

Yes, they are a must for me and I will wear them from now, right through until probably February or March – both in training and games! I'm not a fan of the snood, but I will also wear a hat in training. If you look at the Spanish players in our squad who are used to the warm weather, I'm probably the worst at dealing with the cold – not like Calde who will still be wearing a T-shirt. When we have the ice baths after games, I can't handle them but once I'm out on that pitch, I'm fine. The key is a good warm-up before the match begins.



It's in the bag..

Donatello  
ORLANDO



What's the most important thing in your washbag?

Probably my hair wax, I can't go out without it! Since I was a young boy, I've always taken care with my hair and remember even trying to cut it myself with scissors when I was really young! You'll often find me in front of the mirror after training but probably not as much as Bruno. He's not styling his hair obviously, but he likes to look good. He always dresses well.





**Do you wear headphones to get 'in the zone' before a game?**

I don't wear them immediately before a game, but I will listen to music on an away trip to help pass the time. I suppose I should wear them before games sometimes, just so I don't have to listen to Calde's terrible choice of music, but it's usually on the coach when I'll have the headphones on. I like listening to a Spanish rapper called Nach. His lyrics are really motivational.



**What's the best goal you've ever seen?**

When I was playing for Barcelona as a youngster, we played a friendly at St Etienne in France, and Ronaldinho scored an absolutely unbelievable free-kick. The best goal I've scored was for Swansea against Cardiff in the South Wales derby when I've netted direct from a corner. That was special because of the importance of the game to the club and the fans.







**Do you watch films on your laptop on the coach to away games?**

I share my laptop with my girlfriend and as she's the boss, I leave it at home! I end up either borrowing an iPad or laptop off David Lopez and all the Spanish boys will watch a comedy show called *La que se avecina* on the coach. It's centred around a neighbourhood on the outskirts of Madrid and we're all addicted to it, to the point where we have started speaking like the actors now! When I was living in Swansea, I had a satellite which picked up a lot of Spanish TV but in Brighton the landlord will not allow us to put up a dish. Saying that, with a baby now, we don't have much time to watch the TV.

**I'M DOING A LAW DEGREE AT THE MOMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BEEN A LAWYER IF I DIDN'T MAKE IT AS A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER**

**Do you use Twitter on your phone after games?**

No, I'm not a fan of Twitter but I have started using Facebook these past two or three weeks, mainly to keep in contact with friends and family. I have a couple of Spanish TV apps which I use quite a lot on my phone, but not a lot more. When I'm at home, I will also use Skype a couple of times a week so that the family can see our baby growing up.

**Do you read a book in the team hotel?**

Yes, but I'm not into sci-fi or boring things like that. I'm actually into Greek Mythology. I like reading about history, too, which is something that has always interested me since I was at school. I also read law books as I'm doing a law degree at the moment. I was quite good at school, and would like to have been a lawyer if I didn't make it as a professional footballer.

# LEST WE FORGET

Seven former members of staff – six players and a groundsman – are remembered on Albion's new war memorial, installed in the Memorial Garden opposite the North Stand, writes Tim Carder

**Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori: 'It is sweet and noble to die for the country'. So said the memorial to four players unveiled in the Goldstone boardroom in 1923. Others might have disagreed. Wilfred Owen, the war poet, referred to Dulce et Decorum Est as the "old lie" in his graphic poem on the horrors of the First World War.**

We don't know what happened to that memorial. It may simply have been lost when a new main stand was built in 1958. But it's high time that those Albion players and staff who fell in the service of their country – in both world wars – were recognised and remembered once more.

The new memorial remembers the six players and one staff member who fell, but also supporters of the club who paid the ultimate price. There must be many hundreds of them, and no definitive list can ever be compiled.

All of them were brave, but, like millions of others, they were also just ordinary people thrust into an extraordinary situation beyond their control and doing the best they could.

It is right that we remember them. Indeed, we must never forget what happened in those two wars, lest it should happen again.

The new memorial has been funded by the Albion Collectors' and Historians' Society and the Supporters' Club in

conjunction with Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club. We are most grateful for the generosity of Tilley's Stonemasons Ltd of Ditchling Road who kindly donated the stone and installed it for Remembrance Day.

The Albion War Memorial and the whole Memorial Garden have recently been dedicated. Brief biographical details of the seven men remembered are included below. It is hoped to produce a small booklet in due course on Albion and the two world wars, with many more stories of the club and its staff in those deadly conflicts.

**Frederick R. Bates, Private 7183 1st Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers**

Died of wounds received 24th October 1914, France, aged 33. An 'Eastender' from London, Fred was Albion groundsman when war broke out, but as a reservist he was soon called to the colours.

On 24th October 1914 around 4,000 supporters watched Albion beat Southend United at the Goldstone. They were not to know that, the very same day, the man who tended the pitch was



dying in the fighting in northern France.

A half-time collection the following month raised just over £3 for Fred's widow and their son. Ninety-two years later his campaign medals sold for more than a hundred times that amount.

**Jasper M. Batey, Private 8419 Army Cyclist Corps**

Killed in action 23rd October 1916, France, aged 25

Jasper 'Ginger' Batey grew up on Tyneside to become a rural postman in County Durham, but his football ability earned him a contract with Portsmouth. He came to the Goldstone in 1913 and went on to make 40 appearances for the Albion.

Along with the majority of his teammates, Jasper enlisted with the Footballers' Battalion, a 'pats' unit of professional footballers, officials, amateurs and fans.

However, his former role as a postman made him an ideal candidate for the Army Cyclist Corps, undertaking communications and reconnaissance work. Transferred in July 1915, he was immediately posted to France.

Jasper was killed in October 1916 at Guinchy and buried nearby. A parcel of cigarettes sent by the club – a great comfort at the time – was shared amongst his saddened colleagues at the Front.

**Charles Dexter, Private F/15 17th Battalion (Football), Middlesex Regiment**

Died of lung disease/diabetes 27th June 1917, Derby, aged 27

A left-back, Charlie arrived at the Goldstone in 1914 after playing for Portsmouth, and was an Albion regular in the 1914-15 season.

He enlisted with the Footballers' Battalion, but his time on the front line was limited after being wounded and affected by poison gas attacks.

Invalided back to 'Blighty', he never recovered and was discharged from the Army in April 1916 with a pension of 10 shillings a week. He returned to Derby but his lungs eventually gave up in June 1917, leaving a grieving family and fiancée.





**Clement H. Matthews, Private 1197  
1st/4th Battalion, Royal Sussex  
Regiment (Territorial)**

Killed in action 15th August 1915,  
Turkey, aged 26

Known as Charlie, Clement was born  
here in Falmer where his father  
worked as a 'cowman' on a local farm.

Charlie worked as a bricklayer in  
Horsham before becoming a  
professional footballer. Although  
mainly a reserve player, he made 12  
appearances for the Albion first team  
as a half-back.

As a territorial soldier, he was called  
up early on and volunteered for  
overseas service. He was posted to  
Gallipoli with the Royal Sussex  
Regiment, but after landing at Suvla  
Bay he was shot dead by a Turkish  
sniper, one of around 34,000 men of  
the Allied forces killed in the  
disastrous Dardanelles campaign.

**Robert Whiting, Private F/74 17th  
Battalion (Football), Middlesex  
Regiment**

Killed in action 28th April 1917,  
France, aged 34

Nicknamed 'Pom Pom' (a moniker for  
an artillery gun) because of his  
prodigious kicking ability, Robert  
arrived from Chelsea in 1908 and went  
on to keep goal in 320 games, a total  
exceeded only by Brian Powney. He  
won the Southern League  
championship and the FA Charity  
Shield with the club in 1910.

Robert enlisted with the Footballers'  
Battalion and was soon promoted to  
lance-sergeant, but after contracting  
scabies in the trenches he was  
brought home to a military hospital  
(now BHASVIC).

While he was on sick leave, Robert's  
wife Nellie became pregnant with  
their third child. When the time came  
for him to return to battle and leave  
his expectant wife, Robert went absent  
for four months. At a court martial he  
was given nine months' hard labour  
and demoted to private.

But this was 1917 and the Army  
needed all the men it could get. His  
case was reviewed, sentence  
suspended, and he returned to the  
front line.

In April 1917, Robert was tending to  
wounded colleagues on Vimy Ridge  
when a German shell exploded, killing  
him instantly. With no known grave, he  
is remembered along with nearly  
35,000 others on a memorial at Arras.

Back in England, Nellie's distress  
was compounded by a 'dastardly  
calumny' that he had been shot as a  
deserter, no doubt because of his

earlier absence. To quash the vicious  
rumour, she released letters from the  
authorities that confirmed her  
husband had been killed 'while doing  
his duty both well and nobly'.

Nellie's baby was just two months  
old when Robert was killed.

**William J.  
Isaac,  
Bombardier  
908095 57th  
Field  
Regiment,  
Royal  
Artillery**

Died of  
meningitis 14  
April 1941,  
Maidstone,  
aged 22

Signed from Newcastle United's  
reserves in 1939, Bill proved an  
influential forward in his three league  
games for the Albion; but when war  
broke out the Football League  
competition was cancelled.

As a territorial, Bill was called up by  
his regiment, but he still turned out  
for the club in the wartime  
competitions when service  
commitments permitted.

Posted with the British Expeditionary  
Force to France during the early  
months of the war, he was one of  
more than 300,000 Allied soldiers  
evacuated from the beaches of  
Dunkirk in May and June 1940.

Sadly, Bill contracted meningitis the  
following year and was admitted to a  
military hospital, but the disease  
quickly proved fatal. He was buried in  
his native Northumberland.



**Cyril E. Tooze,  
Fusilier  
6462957 9th  
Battalion,  
Royal Fusiliers  
(City of London  
Regiment)**

Killed in action  
22nd January  
1944, Italy,  
aged 25

Although  
registered with Arsenal, Cyril played  
all his 18 senior games with the Albion  
as a 'guest' during the 1941-42 season  
(The guest system allowed men to play  
for any club in the wartime leagues if  
they were stationed in the area). In  
modern parlance he was, perhaps, 'on  
loan' at the Goldstone Ground.

In February 1942 he missed an  
Albion game because he was among  
the troops supporting a daring  
commando raid on a German radar  
station at Bruneval, France. Cyril, a  
popular and promising full-back,  
received a terrific reception on his  
next appearance in Hove.

While turning out for the Albion he  
was also training with his regiment.  
Then the time came to join the North  
African campaign. He was captured by  
the enemy and held in a prison camp,  
but was released when Allied forces  
liberated Tunis in May 1943.

Cyril was then part of the Allied  
forces that, having landed in Sicily and  
then the Italian mainland, fought their  
way northwards against the Germans.  
In January 1944 he was killed by a  
sniper's bullet near Salerno, and was  
buried nearby.



The 1914-15 Albion team which features  
Messrs Batey, Dexter, Matthews (inset as he had been called up) and Whiting



**Bolton step out at the Amex this afternoon still feeling their way under the guidance of a new manager.**

Former Crystal Palace boss Dougie Freedman was appointed Trotters boss last month after the club parted company with Owen Coyle.

The ex-Eagles and Wolves striker ticked the correct boxes of the Trotters' hierarchy, having led Palace up the Championship table this season with an eight-game unbeaten run which included six victories.

Given the Londoners' lofty position in the table and Bolton in 18th place – form which cost Coyle his job – eyebrows were raised when Freedman took the job of a side that lost their top-flight status after 11 years last season.

"There is an impressive set-up

and structure in place, and a first-team squad of undoubted quality," countered Freedman, 38, who had been in charge of Crystal Palace for 21 months, taking over from George Burley in January 2011. "Traditionally Bolton is a big club and have a chairman that really made me feel wanted.

"All the tools are here to succeed and I owe it to myself and my family to grab that opportunity when it was put in front of me.

"I understand that certain people will look at it and scratch their heads but I'm not the kind of guy who sits back and likes a pat on the back when he's done well. I like a challenge, I like something that excites me and when I met the chairman he sold the club to me.



# Bolton plan revival under Freedman

## BOLTON WANDERERS VITAL STATISTICS

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Founded:     | 1874                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Nickname:    | The Trotters, The Wanderers, The Whites                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Ground:      | Reebok Stadium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Capacity:    | 28,101                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Honours:     | <b>Second Division/First Division champions</b><br>1908–09, 1977–78, 1996–97, Play-Off winners 1995, 2001<br><b>Third Division/Second Division champions:</b> 1972–73<br><b>FA Cup winners</b> 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958<br><b>Football League Trophy champions</b> 1989 |
| Last season: | 18th [relegated]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



Albion and Bolton have met 12 times, with four wins apiece



The last meeting was back in 1993 when Albion ran out 1–0 winners at Burnden Park thanks to a Kurt Nogan goal



# I HAVE HAD A FANTASTIC RESPONSE FROM THE PLAYERS AND THAT IS NOT JUST ME MAKING IT UP BECAUSE I AM A STRAIGHT-TALKING GUY

"Okay, our position in the table is not what we want it to be but I know the division and I know that two or three wins can put you right back in there."

Freedman opened his account as Trotters boss in fine style - a 2-1 defeat of high-flying Cardiff, but has since seen the side draw three successive games: a 0-0 shut-out against another promotion chaser, Leicester; a 2-2 draw at Blackpool and a 1-1 stalemate against Barnsley last Saturday.

Despite the unbeaten run, Wanderers remain in the lower reaches - 17th - but Freedman is confident the tide will turn sooner rather than later and has been boosted by the arrival of his mentor at Crystal Palace, Lennie Lawrence, as

assistant manager.

"I know what he will bring in terms of experience; he has been there and done it," Freedman adds. "He will be passing on not only his coaching on the field but off it in terms of life."

"I will drive the ship and he will kind of steer it if that make sense. It is my enthusiasm and desire to succeed, my energy and commitment to drive the club forward and Lennie makes sure we don't go off track."

"I have had a fantastic response from the players and that is not just me making it up because I am a straight-talking guy."

"I know, already, that group in there are like sponges; they want to buy into my philosophy and there is quality in there that can get us up the table."

## Voice of the fans



**'Reebok Trotter' from Lancaster Whites, gives us his take on Bolton's season so far**

### First up, did Owen Coyle deserve to go?

Ultimately, it was the right time for Coyle to leave the club.

Managers are judged on results and after being responsible for getting us relegated the buck had to stop with him. Being a former player, Coyle was held in high regard by a large number of Wanderers fans and we did genuinely want to see him and the team prosper.

Unfortunately, good guys don't always do well and this proved to be the case.

### Was Dougie Freedman the fans' choice?

Unrealistic names like Alan Curbishley and Harry Redknapp were bandied about, but Dougie did a tremendous job at Palace with a limited budget and I am sure that the vast majority of Wanderers fans will give him time to put his stamp on the team. The Bolton board have gone for a young up and coming

manager with a view to building over the long term rather than a quick fix solution like Mick McCarthy.

### Have you noticed any changes he's already implemented?

It's early days but it looks as if his priority is tightening up our defence. Beating Cardiff and drawing with Leicester and Blackpool is a step in the right direction.

### Given the squad, why have you made a poor start?

It is possible that some players may have rested on their laurels thinking we were a shoe-in for automatic promotion. The bookmakers had us and Leicester as the favourites and it is possible we took our eye off the ball. Life in the Championship may have come as a culture shock to some of our players and younger supporters but the older fans always knew that automatic promotion was anything but certain.

### Who has been the stand-out performer so far?

Chris Eagles has worked very hard and on his day, Mark Davies, in midfield is a handful for any defence. With Chung Yong Lee now fit, together with Martin Petrov, our attack-minded players are capable of creating chances against any defence. Jay Spearing, on loan from Liverpool has made a telling contribution.

### Can you still go up at the first time of asking?

It may be a bridge too far although a play-off position is certainly not beyond the current squad. The experience of some of our older squad players like Kevin Davies, Sam Ricketts and Zat Knight should stand us in good stead if we are hovering near the top six places come next April.

For more on Lancaster Whites visit [www.bwflancaster.org.uk](http://www.bwflancaster.org.uk)



The last time Bolton won in league competition was October 1977, when Peter Reid and Roy Greaves scored in a 2-1 win at the Goldstone



Chris Eagles is the club's top scorer with six goals this season



Eagles has also made the most assists (8)



Kevin Davies has picked up the most fouls (36) and four yellow cards



The average attendance at the Reebok Stadium this season is 17,475



# Squad list 2012-13

| Name                  | Age | Previous Club        |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|
| <b>KEEPERS</b>        |     |                      |
| 1 Adam Bogdan         | 25  | Vasas                |
| 24 Andy Lonergan      | 29  | Leeds United         |
| 26 Rob Lainton        | 23  |                      |
| 34 Jay Lynch          | 19  |                      |
| <b>DEFENDERS</b>      |     |                      |
| 2 Tyrone Mears        | 29  | Burnley              |
| 3 Marcos Alonso       | 21  | Real Madrid          |
| 4 Matt Mills          | 26  | Leicester City       |
| 5 Tim Ream            | 25  | New York Red Bulls   |
| 12 Zai Knight         | 32  | Aston Villa          |
| 15 Stephen Warnock    | 30  | Aston Villa (loan)   |
| 18 Sam Ricketts       | 31  | Hull City            |
| 23 Joe Riley          | 21  |                      |
| 28 Andy Kellett       | 19  |                      |
| 31 David Wheeler      | 25  | Middlesbrough        |
| 33 Adam Blakeman      | 20  |                      |
| <b>MIDFIELDERS</b>    |     |                      |
| 7 Chris Eagles        | 26  | Burnley              |
| 8 Keith Andrews       | 32  | West Bromwich Albion |
| 10 Martin Petrov      | 33  | Manchester City      |
| 11 Gregg Wylde        | 21  | Rangers              |
| 16 Mark Davies        | 24  | Wolves               |
| 20 Jay Sparring       | 23  | Liverpool (loan)     |
| 21 Darren Pratley     | 27  | Swansea City         |
| 22 Stuart Holden      | 27  | Houston Dynamo       |
| 25 Joshua Vela        | 18  |                      |
| 27 Chung Yong Lee     | 24  | FC Seoul             |
| <b>STRIKERS</b>       |     |                      |
| 9 David Ngog          | 23  | Liverpool            |
| 14 Kevin Davies       | 35  | Southampton          |
| 17 Benik Afobe        | 19  | Arsenal (loan)       |
| 19 Marvin Sordell     | 21  | Watford              |
| 30 Michael O'Halloran | 21  |                      |



**Stephen Warnock**  
Defender

Bolton Wanderers



**Kevin Davies**  
Striker

Bolton Wanderers



**Chris Eagles**  
Midfielder

## Three to watch

### Stephen Warnock

Wanderers signed left-back Warnock on a three-month loan deal from Aston Villa in September.

The 30-year-old began his career at Liverpool, and spent five years at Anfield making 66 appearances while enjoying loan spells at Bradford City and Coventry City during this time.

In January 2007 he joined Blackburn and would earn his first of two England caps against Trinidad and Tobago while at Ewood Park.

He was subsequently selected as part of Fabio Capello's 2010 World Cup Finals squad, but did not feature in the tournament.

Warnock signed a four-year deal with Aston Villa in 2009.

### Kevin Davies

No player epitomises Bolton's fighting spirit more than Kevin Davies, who has been a talismanic figure since he joined the club in the summer of 2003.

Last season saw Davies spend more time on the bench than in previous seasons, with increased competition for places up front, but he still made 32 appearances in the Premier League, netting a total of eight goals.

The frontman signed a one-year contract extension which keeps him at the Reebok until June 2013.

In October 2010 the 35-year-old earned international recognition, winning his first England cap in the Euro 2012 qualifier against Montenegro at Wembley.

### Chris Eagles

Eagles came through the ranks at Watford before joining Manchester United at the age of 14.

He made his United debut in 2003 against Leeds, before scoring his first goal for the Reds in a 4-2 victory at Everton in 2007.

With opportunities limited he joined Burnley in July 2008 and was a key member of the side that won promotion to the Premier League the following season.

He then followed Clarets boss Owen Coyle to Bolton, joining in July 2011 and he topped the club's assist charts last season.

Eagles was a virtual ever-present in 2011-12, making a total of 41 appearances in all competitions, weighing in with six goals.



Bolton Wanderers



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Barnsley

K Davies 24

C Davies 65

Saturday, November 17  
Reebok Stadium  
Attendance: 16,965

Last time out



Wanderers drew their third successive game under Dougie Freedman as Barnsley ended a run of four straight Championship defeats.

The visitors made the better start before Kevin Davies put Bolton ahead, after meeting Chris Eagles' cross before finding the bottom corner of the net.

Eagles was then denied by Barnsley keeper Luke Steele, who also did well to keep out Mark Davies's spectacular volley.

Bolton were unhappy with the performance of referee Carl Berry who blew up for a foul when, if he'd played the advantage, striker David Ngog was clean through on goal.

Steele was certainly keeping his side in the game, making a number of saves from Mark Davies before Craig Davies grabbed the Tykes' equaliser.

Midfielder Matt Done had already fired wide from a free-kick before

Davies equalised from 25 yards out.

The ex-Albion forward, who had been out for almost a month with a

**THE POOR GUY HAS PROBABLY BEEN ASKED TO WORK ALL WEEK TO FEND FOR HIS FAMILY AND THEN HE IS ASKED TO TURN UP AND MAKE BIG DECISIONS. IT'S UNFAIR**

hamstring problem, found the net with a shot that went in via Adam Bogdan's right-hand post.

Both sides then had opportunities to win the game in a frenzied finale.

Trotters sub Keith Andrews headed an Eagles free-kick wide and Steele kept out two more Kevin Davies efforts.

At the other end, Marcus Tudgay – on loan from Nott'm Forest – saw a close-range effort scrambled away.

"Until referees at this level, which is a very important level, are full-time, I can't criticise the referee," said Freedman afterwards. "The Premier League has got 18 full-time referees and that's the reason they're a lot better.

"Full-time is the way to go. They must be full-time trained, full-time fitness-wise and helped with things so they will understand the game more.

"I thought Kevin Davies was fantastic today but I just felt the referee didn't understand what he was doing. You can't blame him; you've got to blame the system.

"The poor guy has probably been asked to work all week to fend for his family and then he is asked to turn up in a stadium and make big decisions.

"It's unfair."



HE TOLD ME IT WAS MY SHIRT TO LOSE SO HOPEFULLY I CAN KEEP IT FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON

Five minutes with...

## Zat Knight

The experienced centre-half found himself out of the team recently but was soon restored following the arrival of Dougie Freedman as boss

**Having been a regular in the side, how tough was it to miss a month of football following Owen Coyle's departure?**

It was a very frustrating time because I'd gone from playing every game this season to not even being in the squad and playing in the reserves. I wasn't in the team for three games but I kept my head down and tried to impress the caretaker manager who was there. But the new gaffer, Dougie Freedman, came in and threw me straight back into the team. Hopefully I can now stay there...

**Did you have a sit down with Dougie then?**

Yes, the gaffer spoke to me as soon as he came in and said that with my experience and leadership he wanted me as part of his team. He told me it was my shirt to lose so hopefully I can keep it for the rest of the season.

**Results have been good on the whole since he came in, so how have you been approaching games?**

It's been a good start for the manager and a good start for the players under him. Our football will shine through in the end because we've got some good players here but the manager also says if we don't score, make sure they don't score. I think it's a good method; if you don't score at

one end, make sure you don't concede at the other.

**You've got a squad of top-flight players. Has that made competition for places tough?**

Everybody has to focus in training because you might not be in the team one minute but could be thrown on ten or 15 minutes later and you need to know what's going on. You might not be in the side this weekend, but could be involved on Tuesday or the next Saturday. The manager makes everyone want to be a part of it. We've got some good players on the bench who are raring to get on.

**A couple of wins and you could soon be marching up that table...**

That's the good thing about this league, there's always the opportunity to put things right with the games coming thick and fast. We've got a lot of tough games in November and December and we just need to tick along and take one game at a time. When you win you want to get straight back out there and it's the same if you lose - you want to get out and put things right.

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Bolton Wanderers



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Albion

Nogan 72

Saturday January 30, 1993  
Barclays League Division Two  
Attendance: 8,929



Freddie Sabin (Wolves) for United (FA Cup) Brighton Albion Subs: Grumley (in) Nogan (out)

Bolton and the Albion have followed very different paths since their last meeting. Both have new stadiums and now meet in the Championship, but while Wanderers spent 13 seasons in the Premier League, the Seagulls have flirted with financial and football oblivion.

Back in 1993, Bolton were going well under manager Bruce Rioch in what is now League One. They had just knocked Liverpool and Wolves out of the FA Cup, while a precocious Manchester United teenager called Ryan Giggs had ejected Albion from the competition.

With Steve Foster failing a fitness test, Albion managing director Barry Lloyd brought back Paul McCarthy to partner Nicky Bissett in defence. They had a stiff task as John McGinlay and especially Andy Walker were knocking in goals for fun.

Bolton enjoyed the bulk of possession and put Brighton under



some pressure, but shots on goal were scarce and Mark Beeney coped with anything that got through.

The only score came on 72

minutes when Kurt Nogan (left) beat two defenders and buried the ball in Keith Branagan's net. Five minutes later he was carried off with a gashed ankle.

Wanderers' first home defeat since October found Rioch sanguine: "We have done well, but every now and then something like this happens."

Bolton won 15 of their last 18 games to clinch promotion. Two years later they were in the Premier League. Four years later they were in a new stadium.

Albion briefly flirted with the play-off places before finishing ninth, but, given the traumatic background – numerous High Court appearances over an unpaid tax bill and gates at their lowest since the 1930s – it was a decent effort. Soon, though, the club would descend into chaos. It would be two decades before Albion could take on Bolton Wanderers on equal terms again.

Tim Carder

Last time we met



## Top-flight turning point

Spencer Vignes treads some common ground between the Albion and today's opponents Bolton Wanderers, rewinding the clock back to 1979-80...



For the best part of eight decades Albion had thrashed around in the lower reaches of the Football League, occasionally threatening to do something big only to revert to our default mode of deep slumber. Then, during the mid to late Seventies, this dormant volcano of a club finally started to rumble. Under manager Alan Mullery and ambitious chairman Mike Bamber Albion won promotion from the third tier in 1977, missing out on promotion to the top flight 12 months later only on goal difference. Not to be denied, Mullery's troops regrouped and stormed the barricades during the 1978-79 campaign, finishing as runners-up (to

Crystal Palace of all people, although not even that could spoil the fun). For the first time in our long history, Albion were a top-flight club.

The party, kick-started by our 3-1 win at Newcastle on the final day of the season, seemed to go on throughout the entire summer of 1979. It was as if nobody in Sussex could quite take in the magnitude of what had happened. After years spent entertaining Rochdale, Bury, Rotherham and co, the Goldstone Ground







## THAT CRUCIAL VICTORY GAVE ALBION'S PLAYERS THE BELIEF THEY NEEDED TO GO ON AND MAKE A FIST OF LIFE IN THE TOP FLIGHT

was going to be hosting the likes of Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal. The excitement levels went through the roof when the fixture list for the 1979-80 season came out, pairing us against the Gunners in Hove on the opening day. Mind you, when the action did finally begin, it took a while for the hangover to wear off.

Behind the scenes, unbeknown to many fans, all had been far from hunky-dory during pre-season. Albion's players had been promised wage rises as a reward for reaching what is now the Premier League, but as the summer dragged on with still no sign of any pay agreements so the first-team threatened to strike. This, it should be said, happened the week before the Arsenal game. When Mulhery counter-threatened to field a team of reserves and apprentices against the Londoners, the first XI backed down and committed themselves to the deals on offer. It was far from ideal preparation and sure enough Arsenal stuffed us 4-0 in front of a full-house. Talk about bursting the bubble.

Things quickly went from bad to worse. Away defeats followed against Aston Villa (1-2) and Manchester City (2-3), several members of Albion's squad being sent home on the eve of the latter having been caught breaking a Friday night curfew. Minds needed to be focused and quickly. A 2-0 home win over Cambridge United in the League Cup gave us a bit of breathing space ahead of the next hurdle, namely Bolton's visit to the Goldstone Ground on the first day of September. Having drawn at home to Aston Villa (1-1) and away against Liverpool (0-0) before seeing off Southampton 2-1 at Burnden Park (Bolton's home until 1997), morale among the Wanderers players was high. Anything less than a decent performance by us and it was going to be zero points from four games and a long hard road ahead.

Thankfully Albion were up for the challenge and tore into Bolton from the start, goals by Peter Ward and Paul 'Tank' Clark giving us a 2-0 advantage at half-time. Although Wanderers pulled one back after the break, a strike by Brian Horton effectively sealed the game and our first ever win in the top flight, the only disappointment being the relatively low attendance there to witness it (20,171).

That crucial victory gave Albion's players the belief they needed to go on and make a fist of life in the top

flight. Although First Division safety (for that's what the top league was called back then) wasn't secured until the following Easter we did end up surviving with something to spare, finishing 16th out of 22 clubs ahead of such supposed big-hitters as Manchester City and Everton.

Pity then poor Bolton, whose squad at the time included the likes of Peter Reid and 'Big' Sam Allardyce. That 3-1 defeat at the Goldstone proved to be the start of a horrendously long winless streak for the Lancastrians. In fact victory number two in the league didn't come until 1st March 1980 by which time Wanderers were doomed to relegation. Manager Ian Greaves, in the hot seat since 1974, had already paid the price with his job following Albion's 2-0 win at Burnden Park in January courtesy of a pair of Ward goals (caught by the Match of the Day cameras, those being the days when MOTD carried action from only one or at best two games each weekend).

Belated victories over Nottingham Forest, Norwich, Spurs and Stoke meant Wanderers finished the season with some dignity intact but there could be no disguising the fact that the 1979-80 season was a pretty God damn awful one for everyone associated with Bolton. That in mind, and for the benefit of our visitors, I'm going to put a cork in it and stop right there.



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# Christmas Party Details Announced!

**Santa's getting ready, the festive lights are on in town, but more importantly the Young Seagulls Christmas Party is getting ever closer!**

That's right, the biggest party in town - the Young Seagulls Christmas Party - will be taking place at the Amex Stadium on Sunday 23rd December between 2-4pm!

It's an afternoon full of festive fun and surprises so make sure you don't miss out. Every Young Seagulls member is allocated two FREE tickets (so a parent/guardian can accompany you) and it couldn't be easier to book your place. Just ask a parent/guardian to phone 0844 327 1901, select OPTION THREE and follow the simple instructions. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Today is the latest in our Family Fun Days, so look out for the Match Makers handing out our fantastic flyers, which are packed with quizzes, Albion facts and stats, and a fab picture of Will Buckley! Also look out for the

balloon modellers, face painters and, of course, the comedy refs!

Finally, a warm welcome to the pupils and parents from St. Wilfrid's Primary School, who are here today as part of the YS Schools Project.



Come on you Seagulls!

*Gully v*

## Can you beat Gully?

Each home game one Young Seagulls member will take on Gully to predict the scores from other weekend games. Today it's the turn of Alisha Tyler

|                         | Gully | Alisha |                      | Gully | Alisha |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Everton v Norwich       | 2-0   | 3-2    | Blackburn v Millwall | 3-2   | 2-0    |
| Stoke v Fulham          | 1-1   | 1-2    | Stevenage v Tranmere | 1-3   | 0-0    |
| Charlton v Huddersfield | 1-1   | 0-0    | Wycombe v Burton     | 1-0   | 1-0    |

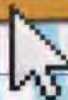
With one point for a correct result and three points for a correct scoreline, Kayleigh Parsons and Gully drew 4-4 (in our Leeds programme) while Ethan Ellis beat Gully 3-0 v Peterborough.

**RUNNING TOTAL: YOUNG SEAGULLS 30 GULLY 22**

If you would like to take on Gully in a future programme, please e-mail [gully@bhafc.co.uk](mailto:gully@bhafc.co.uk) and remember to include your photo.



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## Today's Mascots...

**Name:** George Lowery  
**Age:** Seven  
**First Albion game:** v Reading 2011

**Fave Albion player:** Craig Mackail-Smith  
**Fave Albion goal:** Will Buckley v Doncaster  
**Fave subjects:** English and maths  
**Hobbies:** Football and golf  
**Fave other sport:** Golf



**Name:** Jack Lanigan  
**Age:** Seven  
**First Albion game:** v Walsall at Withdean, 2010  
**Fave Albion players:** Gordon Greer, Bruno, Ashley Barnes  
**Fave Albion goal:** Catde's v Bristol City  
**Fave subject:** Maths  
**Hobbies:** Football, swimming, running, skiing  
**Fave other sport:** Golf



**Name:** Paddy Gladman  
**Age:** Eight  
**First Albion game:** v Coventry, 2004  
**Fave Albion player:** CMS  
**Fave Albion goal:** Macca's overhead kick v Burnley  
**Fave subject:** Maths  
**Hobbies:** Football, guitar, swimming and karate  
**Fave other sport:** Swimming



**Name:** James Kendall  
**Age:** 11  
**First Albion game:** v Spurs at the Amex  
**Fave Albion players:** Craig Mackail-Smith and Liam Bridcutt  
**Fave Albion goal:** Ryan Harley free-kick v Peterborough  
**Fave subject:** PE  
**Hobbies:** Football



**Name:** Max Prodder  
**Age:** Eight  
**First Albion game:** 2009  
**Fave Albion player:** Will Buckley  
**Fave Albion goal:** CMS v Wolves  
**Fave subject:** Maths  
**Hobbies:** Football and PSP



**Name:** Harry Prodder  
**Age:** 10  
**First Albion game:** 2009  
**Fave Albion player:** Wayne Bridge  
**Fave Albion goals:** Smith and Stevens, '83 Cup Final  
**Fave subject:** English  
**Hobbies:** Football and PSP



# The Gallery



What a great picture of striker Stephen Dobbie, sent in by Kyle Johnson. Love that designer stubble, Kyle!

If you have a drawing or painting for The Gallery - which can be anything Albion-related - please scan and then e-mail your entries to: gully@bhafe.co.uk

## Bolton Mascot

We also welcome Bolton mascot Luca Gray. He is eight years old, his first Wanderers game was against Inter Milan and his fave player is Kevin Davies. Have a great day with us, Luca!



## Happy birthday!

The following Young Seagulls members are celebrating their birthday today:

Molly Towers, Joshua White, Axel Masera, Jake Jouanny, Naorise Wellings, Rudy Stilgoe, Natasha Perry, Adife Starbuck, Bradley Barnes, Jacob Chart, Amy Keogh, Savannah Terry, Saskia Knight McPherson, Charlie Francis, Alana Evison, Sophie Hammans, Grace Hammans, Izaak Gill, Joshua Taylor, Cian Clarke, Angus Albion Heritage, Felix Stitt, Dakota Keet, Jamie Greed, Charlie Barden, Alexander Rubbeck, Teiki, Amelie Tullett-Jackson

## Spanish Seagulls



Here are Young Seagulls' season ticket holders, Lucas and Hugo Walslow, spreading the Albion word to their Spanish cousins and Uncle Hotel!

## Seagull in Cyprus 2

This is the second picture we've had this season outside the Seagull restaurant in Paphos, Cyprus. So hello to Max Daniels, 9, and Emma Daniels, 6, who visited while on holiday in September.



## Fanzone Lewis

Here's nine-year-old Lewis Bedford who was featured in the Fanzone before our game against Peterborough at the Amex. He is pictured eating his first ever Piglet's Pie! Lovely!



## Happy birthday Dylan

A belated Happy 4th birthday to Dylan Drayton for November 6. Apart from Albion and Gully, Dylan loves Thomas the Tank Engine. He has also started an autograph book of 'Albion Heroes' and so far has Dick Knight, Gus Poyet and Michel Kuipers in his collection.



## ...and you Thomas!

A happy 13th birthday to Thomas Richards for 20th November, love Mum, Dad & Jack. Enjoy the match today with all your family and friends xx







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# PAUL JIGGINS

What price an England cap these days?

I do not mean the red, white and blue ones on sale in and around Wembley Stadium on international matchdays.

I am referring to the ones money cannot buy.

The ones the FA give to those footballers lucky enough to represent the Three Lions.

I always believed they were priceless. But now it seems they are not worth as much as they used to be.

When I was growing up on a council estate in east London in the late 1970s (Yes, I know I don't look that old, but I am, honest!) me and my mates all wanted to be footballers with the same three dreams:

1. To play for the team you supported.
2. To play at Wembley.
3. To play for England.

I do not know whether it is because I was young and starry-eyed, but England caps seemed much harder to win back then.

You never heard of players turning down the offer to play for England because they did not want to sit on the bench. On the contrary, most new call-ups met up and travelled with the squad knowing it was highly likely they would spend their first couple of matches watching from the stand as they were eased in gently.

Trevor Francis, Britain's first £1million footballer, pointed out last week that he played 200 times in the top flight before he was called up by England.

Now it seems that a young player only needs to have 200 decent minutes under his belt before he can expect a phone call from Roy Hodgson.

You only have to look at England's friendly in Sweden earlier this month when Raheem Sterling and

Wilfried Zaha were among the surprise call-ups.

The teenage duo had not even made a handful of appearances for the Under-21s before winning their first caps in the 4-2 defeat in Stockholm.

It led to a few eyebrows being raised, but is it such a bad thing that the bar is being lowered, giving more youngsters a chance?

After all, the older players previous England managers kept faith with for so long did not exactly set the world alight.

Maybe the switch in emphasis should have been made earlier, and the old guard of Terry, Lampard, Cole, etc should have been replaced by younger models after our debacle at the 2010 World Cup Finals in South Africa.

Fabio Capello, who should have followed them out of the door then, somehow kept his job and promised change, but when Hodgson was handed the baton for Euro 2012 we still had the same old names on the team-sheet.

His new-look inexperienced Three Lions team may not have won their friendly in Sweden, but at least now we have an England manager willing to give youth a chance and look outside the top four clubs for players.

And while Crystal Palace kid Zaha is clearly a precocious talent, his selection is good news for all of us because it means if he can be called up by Hodgson, so potentially can every English player in the Championship.

Read Paul Jiggins  
in The Sun now  
seven  
days a week

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kuszczyk 29                     | 01 Olejnik                 |
| Bruno 02                        | 03 Alcock                  |
| Greer 03                        | 04 Brisley                 |
| Dunk 05                         | 19 Little                  |
| Bridge 28                       | 06 Bostwick                |
| Hammond 04                      | 11 McCann (Ferdinand - 62) |
| (Lopez - 89) Orlandi 11         | 17 Newell (Zakuani - 84)   |
| (Dobbie - 64) Crofts 08         | 20 Knight-Percival         |
| Buckley 30                      | 09 Barnett                 |
| Barnes 09                       | 10 Boyd                    |
| (Hoskins - 62) Mackail-Smith 12 | 38 Berahino (Tomlin - 75)  |

| SUBSTITUTES   | SUBSTITUTES     |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Ankersgren 16 | 13 Day          |
| Calderson 14  | 05 Zakuani      |
| Dicker 18     | 32 Anderson     |
| Lopez 21      | 07 Swanson      |
| Lua Lua 25    | 18 Ferdinand    |
| Hoskins 07    | 44 Mendez-Laing |
| Dobbie 10     | 08 Tomlin       |

## THE BOSS

We needed quality and Dobbie showed us what he is capable of and that won us the game. It was real quality and that's what we needed to score tonight. On another day, another player would have smashed that and it would not have gone in. The touch was magnificent and we are all delighted. We kept passing the ball right until the end tonight and that was key for me. Because of that we won the game, and we kept a clean sheet which was so important too

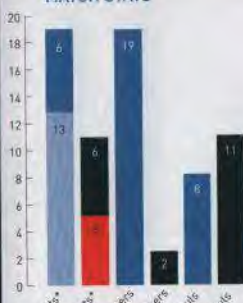
Gus Poyet

## THE PLAYER

Before I came on the gaffer told me to keep doing what I have been doing in training. I was confident that my time would come. Hopefully I can kick on and show the sort of form I have showed before in the Championship. Barnesy did well in the build-up; he tried to slip the ball through and there were a few ricochets but luckily I got on the end of it. It was a great feeling but it was more relief after the recent run

Stephen Dobbie

## MATCH STATS



\*Off target figures in faded colour

## POSSESSION



## THE PRESS

There was a plentiful supply of sympathy heading in the direction of Peterborough United last night. Certainly for the Posh defence whose heroic display in the face of relentless second-half pressure was undone by a 93rd minute winning goal by Brighton substitute Stephen Dobbie. And also for the 247 Posh fans who made the 300-mile round trip on a school night, only to see close-up action for the last 45 minutes restricted to watching home 'keeper Tomasz Kuszczyk try to keep himself warm.

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# Get with the programme

Ian Hine looks back at a programme from the past featuring today's opponents from Bolton

Watching Albion in the late 1970s was very exciting. In 1976-77, we were promoted from the old Division Three on a tidal wave of goals from Peter Ward and this carried on in Division Two the following season.

At the beginning of October 1977, we welcomed Bolton Wanderers to the Goldstone for a top-of-the-table clash. We were level on 14 points and only Bolton's better goal difference kept them above us.

The programme that season was in a slightly larger format than previous years and was a 16-page issue. The cover photograph was the same for the whole season, a shot of captain Brian Horton.

The team lists were on page two, with the Albion dream team of Peter Ward and Ian Mellor up front against Bolton. Our visitors' line-up contained two future Premier League managers in Peter Reid and Sam Allardyce and they also boasted the mercurial talent of Frank Worthington up front.

'Seagull News' on page two celebrates the selection of Ward for the England squad for the game against Luxembourg. The article points out his meteoric rise from

non-league football just two years previously, and mentions his hat-trick for the U21 side in a game at the Goldstone. The squad travelled to the previous game at Sunderland by plane, and a bumpy landing in the North East meant that many of the squad 'lost their interest in the pre-match meal! There were no such luxuries for the fans - this was in the heyday of the famous 'Seagull Special' trains, chartered to take the usual large Albion following to away games. A goal from Ward helped Albion to a 2-0 victory.

The statistics page makes great reading for Albion fans. A thrilling 4-3 defeat in our previous game at Charlton meant we dropped to second in the table, but Ward's brace in the game took his tally to nine for the season.

| BRIGHTON                                                      |    | BOLTON WANDERERS  |  |
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| KEE TILLY                                                     | 2  | PETER NICHOLSON   |  |
| GARY WILLIAMS                                                 | 3  | TONY DUNNE        |  |
| BRIAN HORTON                                                  | 4  | ROY GREAVES       |  |
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| ERIC POTTS                                                    | 7  | WILLIE MORGAN     |  |
| PETER WARD                                                    | 8  | REIL WHATHORE     |  |
| IAN MELLOR                                                    | 9  | RAY TRAIN         |  |
| STEVE PAPER                                                   | 10 | PETER REID        |  |
| PETER O'SULLIVAN                                              | 11 | FRANK WORTHINGTON |  |
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On the opposite page, 1978 calendars are advertised at 60p and the essential 70s accessory, the silk scarf, was a snip at 75p!

The Bolton pen pictures took up the centre pages and we are told that the work-rate of midfielder Roy Greaves 'has to be seen to be believed'.

## PROFILE



Tony Towner

Tony Towner has achieved some of the greatest honours in football. He played for Albion from 1977 to 1981. In 1977, he was named in the England squad for the first time. He was also named in the England squad for the 1978 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1980 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1982 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1984 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1986 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1988 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1990 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1992 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1994 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1996 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 1998 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2000 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2002 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2004 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2006 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2008 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2010 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2012 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2014 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2016 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2018 World Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2020 European Cup. He was also named in the England squad for the 2022 World Cup.

The 'Player Profile' was of local boy Tony Towner, who joined Albion straight from Stanmer Secondary School. 'Tiger' lists his hobbies as gardening and swimming and enjoys the music of Bob Dylan and Rod Stewart. His favourite food was the 70s footballer staple diet of steak and his ambition was to play First Division football with the club.

Inside the back page is the timetable for the next Seagull Special to Stoke, timed to leave Brighton at 9.25am and returning at 9.20pm. The reliability of the 'specials' was such that those timings were probably optimistic. It is also very interesting to read the road route to Stoke, via an incomplete M25 and the North Circular!

The programme was fairly basic that season, unlike our performances on the pitch, Bolton came out top in October with a 2-1 victory and went on to be promoted as champions. We came oh so close to joining them, missing out on goal difference.

This and many other Albion programmes can be viewed at [www.seagullprogrammes.co.uk](http://www.seagullprogrammes.co.uk). If you have any questions or queries about Albion programmes or collecting in general, please e-mail [ian@albionprogrammes.co.uk](mailto:ian@albionprogrammes.co.uk)

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# CASE FOR THE DEFENCE

A football player in a blue and white kit is shown from the waist up, pointing his right index finger forward. He has tattoos on his right arm. The background is dark.

Liam Bridcutt explains why the role of the defensive midfielder is so important both at Albion and throughout football these days

**While competition for places in the Albion team is particularly tough at present, one of the first names on the team-sheet is Liam Bridcutt.**

The former Chelsea youngster has made the defensive 'holding' midfield position his own these past couple of seasons and is certainly rated among Albion fans as the 'Mr Consistency' of the side.

The nature of his role means that he will pick up bookings from time to time and a yellow card against Leeds United saw the 23-year-old ruled out of action for our last home game at the Amex against Peterborough United.

Yet he returned to the starting line-up in the very next game at

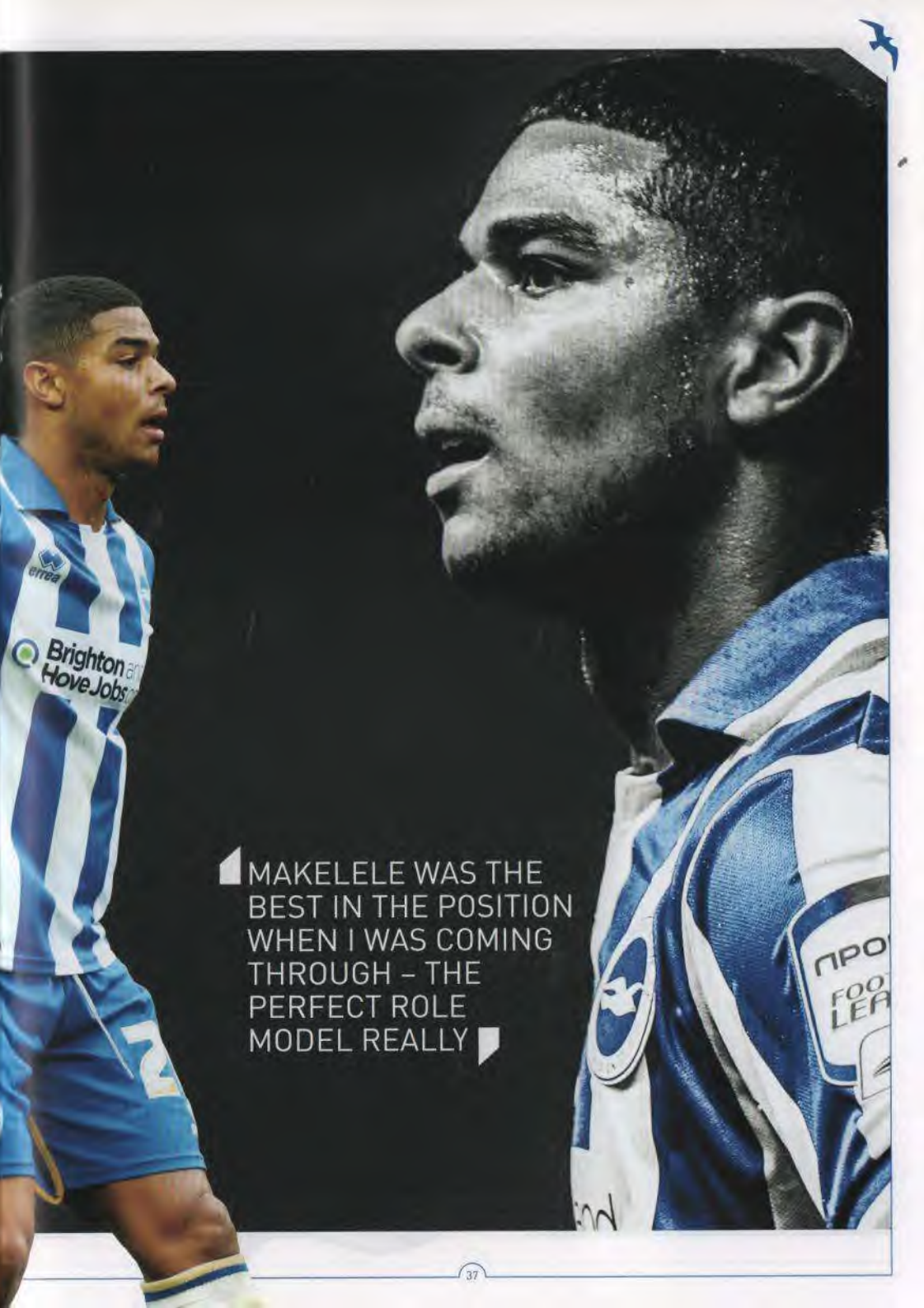
Wolves, proving how key he is in Gus Poyet's 4-3-3 formation.

But it's not just at Albion where the holding midfielder has become in vogue; they are popping up at clubs up and down the land.

For Bridcutt, he had the perfect mentor at Stamford Bridge in Claude Makelele and the Frenchman certainly made an impression in those formative years.

"Claude was a player I really admired," he told Seagull. "I would watch him in training, watch him in games, he was a great, great player. He was the best in the position when I was coming through – the perfect role model really..."





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**The role of the holding midfielder has never been more prevalent. Would you say Claude Makelele was the first modern-day player to fulfil that role?**

If you look at Makelele, even when he was at Real Madrid, he always played that way and Chelsea wanted him because he was unbelievable in the position. With the style of football Chelsea wanted to play they needed a player like that and he fitted the role perfectly. He made the position his own at the club.

**As a young player at Chelsea, did they earmark you to play a similar way?**

It was when I became a first-year scholar that it all changed really. We switched to that 4-3-3 formation that the first team were playing, and both Jack Cork and I were moulded into that holding midfield role. It was a bit different to the way Gus wants us to play here at Brighton though; Chelsea wanted me as a holding midfielder who played purely as a midfielder, whereas Gus has me as a holding midfielder who is a fifth defender at times. It's slightly different but it is just as effective and is a key part to how we play.

**We've seen Man City fans moaning because they've lost a similar player in Nigel De Jong, Arsenal with Alex Song, so do you see it as a key role in the game these days?**

I think so. You need a player who can sit there in the midfield and break the game up. You need that disciplined role otherwise it can cause confusion in midfield if you don't know who is going to be breaking into the box and who is going to sit. Having a holding midfielder who is going to sit there at all times takes that element of confusion away – and he is there to clean up if need be.





**How hard is it to anticipate situations when there's a lot going on?**

You've got to keep your mind on the game and not switch off. You've got to read the game not only with the ball but without the ball. You've got to get yourself in defensive positions early, see the danger and then deal with it.

**How important is a good relationship with the players around you?**

It's certainly made my job easier having a good partnership both behind in defence and in front of me. This season we've rotated the two a bit in front but the boys who have come in have done a great job. It helps so much when you're playing alongside great players.

**You also look like you try to take the sting out of games, too...**

If you watch the games, every time a team hits us on the break we try to slow it down, to get men behind the ball. That's my job, to slow the game down, so that we can get players back as quickly as possible.

**Is there not the instinct to bomb forward and try to help further up the pitch?**

Not really. What people might not know is that I played centre-half and right-back when I was at Chelsea, even in the reserves on occasions. They were my main positions coming up through the youth ranks and it was only when Brendan Rodgers came to Chelsea that he could see I had an understanding of the game. He knew what he wanted me to do and I did it right. I've taken everything on board which I've learnt from Brendan and now Gus is passing on even more knowledge to me and I've taken it all on board.

**Jack Cork and Brendan are now in the Premier League. Does that make you keen to follow them?**

If you look at the boys I've played with throughout my youth days there are a lot of them now breaking into first teams in the Premier League and that's where I want to be. If I keep doing things right, keep learning every day and take it all into the games I play, then hopefully one day I can get there.

**Last time out at the Amex you missed a rare game through suspension. How did you find it?**

I was there, sat behind the dug-outs, and was absolutely buzzing when the goal went in at the end. The win had been a long time coming but given the performances we had been putting in on the whole, we deserved a result. But I hate missing games; it's a horrible feeling sitting on the sidelines watching the boys. I was heading and kicking every ball that went into the box but you've just got to take your suspension and move on.

**Bolton were obviously a Premier League side last season. Are you surprised that they and the other relegated sides have not set the division alight yet?**

The Championship is such a hard league this season, it's so up and down. I think the teams that come down find it quite a shock because they don't have the time on the ball or are given as much respect on the ball as they've been used to. It's a lot more hustle and bustle, then you've to earn the right to play. You can never write anyone off though; Reading had a poor start last season then picked up and got promoted.

**YOU'VE GOT TO GET YOURSELF IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS EARLY. SEE THE DANGER AND THEN DEAL WITH IT**



**Finally, what's the latest situation with you and Scotland?**  
We've still got paperwork to sort out. As I said before, I'm still young and have got a while in the game so at the moment I'm just concentrating on my club football. My aim for the season is to play as many games for Brighton as I can and we'll see what happens after that.

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February 25th 1984

# On my birthday...

**Our record-signing striker was born on February 25th 1984 in Watford, England. Corey Pellatt reveals what else happened on that day, and on our top-scorer's birth date – both on and off the pitch – down the years...**



## 1982

**EU challenges corporal punishment**

The European Court, who ruled that beating schoolchildren was a blatant violation of human rights, slammed corporal punishment in Britain's schools.

In 1986, beatings in state schools were outlawed and this was finally extended to fee-paying schools 12 years later. In 2005, laws came into force banning parents from smacking children.



**CLAY TOOK APART LISTON IN SIX ROUNDS ON THE NIGHT IN A HEATED FIGHT THAT HAD BEEN FUELLED BY UNSAVOURY TRASH TALK IN THE RUN UP TO THE BOUT**

## 1964

**Clay crowned Champion**

Twenty two year-old Cassius Clay shocked the world by becoming world heavyweight champion after beating Sonny Liston in one of boxing's biggest upsets.

Clay took apart Liston in six rounds on the night in a heated fight that had been fuelled by unsavoury trash talk in the run up to the bout. Clay was the 7-1 underdog and only 8,000 people attended the fight.

## 1984

**Gas explosion hits Brazil**

A huge explosion devastated a shantytown in Brazil, 30 miles south of Sao Paulo, killing at least 500 people, the majority of which were later found to be young children.

The explosion occurred after combustible octane gas was released following a mistake from gas workers.

The temperature at the heart of the fireball was estimated at 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit.



## 1986

**Philippines president takes office**

The Philippines president Corazon Aquino was sworn into office, bringing years of dictatorship under Ferdinand Marcos to an end. The former dictator

was still putting up a fight against the newly elected female leader, but the United States stepped in and withdrew their backing for Marcos

three days earlier. Aquino introduced a democratic constitution in 1987, but still faced coup attempts from Marcos loyalists throughout her reign.





## 1987

### Jordan breaks record

Basketball legend Michael Jordan broke another record on this day, scoring 58 points in a single game for the Chicago Bulls. Jordan's exploits led his team to a 128-113 victory over the New Jersey Nets, and eclipsed the mark of 56 points established by Chet Walker 15 years earlier.



## 1956

### Stalin denounced by successor

Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader, lashed out at former dictator Joseph Stalin and labelled him as a 'brutal despot'. The sensational speech was made to the 20th Congress of the Communist Party and painted the regime of Stalin as one controlled by 'suspicion, terror and fear'. In response to the speech, riots blew up for several days in Tbilisi as Georgians reacted angrily to the abusive claims.



## 2006

### Crewe win basement battle

A battle between two of the Championship's struggling teams saw Crewe Alexandra sneak a narrow win at home to the Seagulls. 'Coca-Cola Kid' Colin Kazim-Richards gave Albion a perfect start, heading in from close range with only 11 minutes on the clock following some good work from Joe Gattling. Crewe came out firing in the second-half though and two goals inside seven minutes from Lee Bell and Stephen Foster ensured that the Railwaymen took all three points.

### FOLLOWING DOMINANCE FOR 80 YEARS, FIANNA FAIL'S LOSS WAS SEEN AS A MASSIVE SHIFT IN IRISH POLITICS



## 2011

### Kenny takes charge in Ireland

Fine Gael's Enda Kenny becomes Ireland's new Taoiseach after his party is ruled as the largest in the Republic following parliamentary elections.

The previous ruling party, Fianna Fail, faced a crushing defeat at the vote, which had only been enabled to go ahead after the government received a financial bail-out from the EU.

Following dominance for 80 years, Fianna Fail's loss was seen as a massive shift in Irish politics.

## 2012

### Barnes bags a brace

Ashley Barnes netted twice against Ipswich Town at the Amex as Brighton boosted their play-off hopes.

This comfortable 3-0 win meant that Albion extended an unbeaten

run of games to nine matches, with the last defeat coming on December 31st.

Craig Mackail-Smith broke the deadlock with a close range finish on 20 minutes before Barnes

doubled the lead with a fantastic 25-yard strike on 65 minutes.

Ashley went on to secure the win with a low finish in the 88th minute, and moved the Seagulls up to 7th in the table.

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# PAINTER HELPS BRIDGE THE GAP

The arrival of Wayne Bridge this season has left Marcos Painter on the sidelines, but a professional outlook ensured he made a triumphant return at Huddersfield last Saturday



As far as model professionals go, Marcos Painter is up there with the best of them.

The Albion left-back played an integral part in the club's climb into the Championship but injury problems last season curtailed his progress and he ended the campaign having made just three appearances from Christmas onwards.

To compound his frustration, Manchester City and England full-back Wayne Bridge signed for the club on a season-long loan this summer – meaning another extended period on the sidelines.

Yet far from throwing his toys out of the pram, Painter has maintained his spirits and indeed his fitness, turning out for – and providing an experienced ear to – the club's development squad this season.

So when Bridge was ruled out of the trip to Huddersfield last Saturday, boss Gus Poyet had no hesitation in throwing 'Paints' straight back into the starting eleven for the first time this season. He proceeded to put in a solid display as the team won 2-1, but admits the pre-match build-up certainly brought butterflies to the stomach.

"I was so nervous, it was like I was making my debut again," smiles the former Swansea defender. "It was weird because it's not as if I haven't played enough league games to overcome that."

"It's been a long time since I've started a game so it was slightly different emotions from what I've been used to, but once the game got going I loved it, especially the first half where we dominated and were in complete control."

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**THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY  
I WAS WALKING AROUND  
CHURCHILL SQUARE AND  
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LIKE A FOOTBALLER**

"I was a bit tired afterwards, which is inevitable and I was getting calf cramp after 75 minutes; I tried to carry on but for the team's sake it was best I came off. When you can't move properly it's going to have a negative effect on the team but thankfully we made the change and went on to win the game."

That feeling of elation has been all too rare for Painter following his extended spell out of the first-team picture but he has been determined to use Bridge's arrival as a positive rather than mope around the training ground.

"Wayne has Premier League and international quality, so I knew the situation," recalls the 26-year-old. "I knew a player with his quality was going to start and the gaffer's been honest about it and I accept that."

"He said at the start of the season that Bridgey was going to play but if there are injuries or suspensions or results don't go our way, then I've got to be ready to step in and that's what I did last Saturday."

"It's still not a nice feeling because you want to play week in, week out, but hopefully it will help bring my game on and make things more competitive. I'm on my toes a bit more rather than having that complacency you can sometimes get when you're number one and not having much competition. It's a different situation for me now."

Painter had an inkling he might be involved at Huddersfield when Bridge was taken off during the 3-3 draw at Wolves the previous week. At the time, though, his thoughts couldn't have been much further from a first-team return.

"The previous Saturday I was walking around Churchill Square and you honestly don't feel like a footballer," he reveals. "Although you're part of the squad, when you're not travelling with the team and are training with the reserves to stay fit, it's difficult. You've just got to stay as professional as possible but it's not a nice time because you want to play football and be involved."

"But that's when your family play a big part and help you keep your head up. Whether you're injured or not selected, no player likes to be sitting at home; you want to be playing games but when I found out Bridgey came off, I knew it was for a reason and that my opportunity could come. I'm pleased that I made the most of that opportunity."

Victory against the Terriers extended Albion's unbeaten run to five games, not that Painter was in any position at the time to join in the post-match high-fives on the pitch.

"The manager told me to have an ice bath and get my calves massaged to ease the cramp," he says. "But when they scored, you could hear the crowd inside and we were constantly getting updates."

"It was so nerve racking but the manager came straight in afterwards and it was a big sigh of relief all round. It was a great feeling and one I haven't experienced for a long time."



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# On the road with Seagull Travel



This season, Seagull Travel members will be reviewing a recent matchday trip. Today, Jon Walls looks back at the trip to Wolverhampton Wanderers

**Venue:** Molineux

**Date:** Saturday, 10th November

**Kick-off:** 3.00pm

**Journey time:**

4.5 hours including stop



## The journey

With everybody on time and having picked up already at various points, we set off from Withean right on time – and how great it was to see three coaches sitting there for our journey to the Black Country. We were advised of an accident on the A23 so after our further pick-up at Hickstead we made our way across and up the A24. None of us could believe how clear it was. We had decided to stop at Oxford on route for 45 minutes, and with other Albion supporters doing the same, the services became a sea of blue and white and green and black. What a sight. On we went and another clear run to Wolverhampton. I have to say I don't think I have been to a ground where the staff outside were less helpful, but never mind we were all full of hope for the coming game.

## The pre-match pint

We were told the waterhole where to go to was a ten minute walk away, however, we spoke to a really nice of fella and he suggested we go to The Goal Post. This turned out to be a really good option as it was right opposite the ground, had a good selection of beers at £3 a pint, a friendly mixed crowd and staff that were pleasant on the eye and very quick.

## The ground

What can I say, a Premier League ground: plenty of room, lots of screens, catering was on the expensive side at £4 for a pie but I suppose that is to be expected, and the service was

quite slow at peak times. The seats in the stand were a good size and comfortable, although I think being in almost striking distance of the home fans was a little dangerous and we were subjected to the usual homophobic chants from the locals. The stewards seemed happy for it to go on so we just had to endure it.

## Match highlight

In fairness the match highlight for me was the referee; apart from a couple of mistakes, overall he let the game flow after the home team tried to trick him on numerous occasions! The game was a good one for the neutral but was really frustrating in the end. The Dobbie penalty was special, Macca's goal well taken as was Buckley's. Having said that, Liam Bridcutt was a class above everyone else on the pitch.

## Match lowlight

There were two really, the equalising goal in the final minute and of course that horror tackle by Karl Henry, not for the first time either. The time has come to introduce harsher penalties for tackles that endanger fellow professionals.

## Best chant

Usual chants by the Albion faithful and the least said about what we had to endure from the home fans, the better. I suppose the best shout from the home fans was the continuous calls for handball.



## Overall matchday experience

If someone had said to me, you are going to a team that came down from the Premier League and will see six goals, a penalty, a sending off, a journey with absolutely no hold ups, a really good pre-match pint and still be back in Brighton before 9.30pm, it would have been difficult to believe, but that's exactly what happened. A good day out with everything an away day football match brings.

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# Come in number...

The fabled number nine shirt has been worn by a Spurs legend, a future European Cup winner and a striker called Spider. But we begin with a player who played a key role in the club's traumatic 1996-97 season...

## Ian Baird

The struggles of Brighton and Hove Albion are well documented and Ian Baird was right at the forefront in arguably the biggest week in the club's history. The former Leeds United striker scored crucial goals in the 1996-97 campaign which eventually saw Albion survive by the skin of their teeth with a 1-1 draw away to Hereford on the final day; saving the Seagulls from dropping out the Football League at the expense of the Bulls.

Baird, who made 49 appearances and scored 14 goals in his solitary season at the Goldstone, recalls the last day of the season at Edgar Street vividly.

"It was a nerve-racking experience but we knew we held the ace card as they were on bad form," says the Yorkshireman, now 48, who arrived in Sussex from Plymouth in 1996. "They hadn't won at home for a while and we were confident we would get a result, especially after the performance against Doncaster (a 1-0 win the previous week) and we could sense the nerves in the Hereford players. The final whistle was a massive sense of relief, especially for us older players as there was a lot of burden on us. Stuart Tuck and Ross Johnson

were young local lads and you really could see how much that day meant to them."

Yet despite the euphoria of both the Hereford and Doncaster results, Baird will also hold the unwanted record of being the last ever Brighton player to be sent off at the Goldstone – after just 19 minutes of the Rovers game.

"I stupidly decided to have a fight with Darren Moore," Ian recalls. "He came through the back of me and as he stood up he pushed me, then I pushed him back and it turned into a bit of handbags."

"The only saving grace is that he was a centre-back and I knew we had good fire power still on the pitch with Stuart Storer, Paul McDonald and Craig Maskell."



Brighton & Hove Albion



Michael Robinson  
1980-83

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### Michael Robinson

133 appearances  
43 goals

During his time with the Albion, Robinson scored more goals in the top flight – 37 – than any other player. His power and determination made him popular with the Goldstone crowds, which culminated in the striker winning the Player of the Season award in his first season on the south coast. Robinson was one of the stars of the club's FA Cup run, scoring the winner in the semi-final against Sheffield Wednesday. He also made his Republic of Ireland debut as an Albion player in 1980 before winning the League and European Cup with Liverpool.

### Did you know?

Robinson retired and moved to Spain where he wrote, directed and presented a football show called *El Día Despues* (The Day After).





Brighton & Hove Albion



Ian Mellor  
1974-78

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### Ian Mellor

150 appearances  
35 goals

Mellor partnered Peter Ward in Albion's memorable 1976-77 promotion-winning campaign, where he contributed 12 goals to the cause. Brian Clough brought him to the south coast for a club record £40,000 in May 1974 and Mellor made a dream start, scoring five goals in a pre-season friendly on his debut. Mellor displayed excellent ball skills for such a tall player but lost his place in the team when Albion signed Teddy Maybank in November 1977. He made one more Goldstone appearance before signing for Chester City.

### Did you know?

Mellor earned the nickname 'Spider' from the fans because of his long legs.

"I should have felt worse about being dismissed but I also knew we could keep a clean sheet. In those days the suspension was a fortnight, so I could still play in the Hereford game."

Baird admits that the off-field issues that season were impossible to ignore although the club's plight was not something he was aware of prior to joining.

"It has to be the strangest season in Brighton's history," he points out. "When I joined Jimmy Case was the



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Bobby Smith  
1964-65

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### Bobby Smith

34 appearances  
21 goals

Bobby Smith was quite possibly the biggest-ever name to sign for the club back in 1964. He had been an essential member of Tottenham's 1961 double-winning squad and the England international sensation joined Albion for a fee of £5,000. He arrived at the Goldstone with an incredible 208 Spurs goals to his name and netted another 19 during his only full season with the Albion. The club won the Fourth Division title with Bobby spearheading the attack with his traditional bustling centre-forward style. He left the club in October 1965 after falling out with then-manager Archie Macaulay.

### Did you know?

After having his contract terminated by Albion, Bobby went on to play 19 times for Hastings United in the Southern League.

manager and if I am honest I didn't realise what had been going on at Brighton. Case skirted over the Bellotti issue but it was clear something was amiss.

"Every game there were fans demonstrating against Bellotti as they saw him as ripping the heart and soul out of the club, there was great sadness around the ground. The Goldstone itself had become a decrepit stadium; there were weeds growing everywhere and it was a really sad sight to see and not how I remembered it.

"I had always enjoyed playing at the Goldstone before I joined Albion and it was a good ground for me as I seemed to always score there when playing for other sides but I didn't realise what had been, and was, going on.

"We stayed up but didn't know if we were staying in business or if we would even have a place to play. Although the temporary home at Withdean (after Gillingham) wasn't the best place, people like Dick Knight stuck to their guns and eventually the club got its new ground and has now gone from strength to strength."



# You COULDN'T make it up!

Spencer Vignes lifts the lid on some of the more bizarre stories from Albion's colourful past. Today he remembers the moment when an over-age ball boy helped bring down Manchester City

April Fools' Day, at least in my experience, always promises more than it ever delivers. You get stories about the white cliffs of Dover turning green and John Terry being accepted into Oxford University to study Fine Art, yet in an increasingly ludicrous world it's often difficult to separate fact from fiction come the first day of the fourth month. I mean who would seriously believe some yarn about a ball boy, a middle-aged one at that, being fired from his regular post at a professional football club for a hilarious time wasting prank committed at the expense of a well known team from the north? That's just got to be made up, hasn't it? Ah, err, alright then, perhaps not.



On Saturday 1st April 1989 Manchester City came to the Goldstone Ground to face Albion in an important Division Two (now the Championship) fixture. City required points in their quest to bag the

second automatic promotion place behind runaway leaders Chelsea. We, on the other hand, needed a result to put some daylight between us and the three clubs occupying the relegation zone. A highly entertaining game saw Albion take a first-half lead through a twice-taken penalty by Alan Curbishley, only to be pegged back after the break when a deflected shot from City's Trevor Morley looped agonisingly over the head of our keeper John Keeley. Back we came, visiting defender Ian Brightwell rising majestically to head a Garry Nelson cross into his own net. Grazie infinite Ian! From that point on it was pretty much a case of us defending our lead as City piled forward searching for a second equaliser of the afternoon.

With injury time approaching, a loose pass travelling at head height flew towards the touchline on the west side of the pitch, approximately mid-point between the halfway line and the goal line at the northern end of the ground. Standing directly in its path was Keith Cuss (main picture), a well-known face around the Goldstone on match days who besides supervising the ball boys also helped with ball-fetching duties himself. Instead of catching the ball or stepping out of its way Keith, for reasons known only to himself, chose to back head it deep into the crowd (it may even have cleared the shallow area of terracing at that part of the ground and ended

up in the car park behind). Everyone cracked up... well, everyone that is with Albion leanings. City's bench and players were however far from happy seeing it as a blatant time-wasting ploy. Nevertheless they quickly retrieved the stray ball and continued pressing for an equaliser that never came. Final score Albion 2 Manchester City 1.

All too often in professional football managers of losing teams resort to pathetic excuses to mask their own, or their team's, deficiencies. Usually it's the poor referee who undeservedly gets the bullet. This time City manager Mel Machin set his sights firmly on Mr Cuss during the post-match interviews. Keith, and only Keith, was the reason City had lost the match. It had nothing to do with Mel's team selection, his tactics, Brightwell's bizarre own goal or even ref John Deakin allowing Alan Curbishley to have a second stab from the penalty spot after visiting keeper Paul Cooper saved his initial kick, supposedly because of encroachment.

Nope, it was all the fault of Keith Cuss and his backwards header. In his defence Cuss argued that he hadn't meant to head the thing and was actually ducking to get out of the ball's way. From my vantage point in the North Stand I've got to say that it didn't look that way. But hey, what the heck? It had all happened so quickly





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and who's to say any one of us wouldn't have done the same thing if put in Keith's position? I actually thought it was a nifty bit of skill.

Unfortunately there was to be a sting in the tail for poor Keith. Rather than fight his corner Albion chose to relieve him of his duties the Monday after the game, stung into action by Sunday's adverse newspaper headlines about the forty-something ball boy whose gamesmanship had cost City a point or possibly more. Machin's moans made a good story in the eyes of the press and successfully deflected blame away from City's own failings, which was clearly his overriding intention.

Rumours later abounded of how Albion's board had been looking for an excuse to get rid of Keith for some time. If true, those poisonous quotes from City's manager gave them all the ammunition they needed to waste the

poor bloke. Nice one Mel. From where I'm standing it's not Keith, Ian Brightwell or John Deakin who played the part of the April Fool that day. It's you.

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## DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

# East heads north

Young goalkeeper Dan East has been making a big impression on loan at Enfield Town



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With Casper Ankergrén and Peter Brezovan ahead of him in the pecking order, opportunities have been limited for young goalkeeper Dan East this season.

As a result, he's spent time eagerly searching for a loan move but, unfortunately, not many Football League clubs are willing to throw a 19-year-old into the heat of battle. Instead, he's decided to drop down the pyramid and earlier this month joined Ryman Premier League part-timers Enfield Town.

An injury to Town's Noel Imber meant East was thrust straight into action and his time at the north London outfit has been a success so far.

"It's going well and it is really good for me to go out on loan," he says. "The football is really different from what I am used to but I needed games. The major difference is that I am required to kick the ball out more rather than playing out from the back like we do at Albion.

"I am also coming up against bigger players and dealing with a lot more direct football with plenty of balls over the top and balls into the box, but all that helps me learn how to read the game better.

"Their manager seems happy with me so far and I even spoke to a few of their fans and their Vice Chairman who were all really kind and said I have been playing well.

I have even had some really positive comments on my Twitter page."

East was given the green light to go out on loan by coach Luke Williams, while Albion's goalkeeper coach, Andy Beasley, has been up to Town's new stadium to watch him at close quarters.

"Andy said I played well and has given some positive feedback to Luke, which is great for my confidence," he adds. "I managed to keep a clean sheet against Harrow Borough, making a point blank range save and tipping another shot onto the bar, which I was really pleased with. I'm confident in what I'm doing here."

With his confidence boosted and valuable game-time under his belt, East will return to Albion in buoyant mood, but admits he still has a long road ahead of him to make an impression on the first-team squad.

"It's hard work as a young goalkeeper but I appreciate what I have got and I have to make the most of it," he points out. "I know I am not going to get into the first team right now but I am confident in my own ability. I also have time on my side; Brad Friedel is in his forties and still playing and I always watch out for him.

"It can be frustrating when you are not playing and it is harder for goalies as there is only one spot but you just have to get on with it and

**THEIR MANAGER SEEMS HAPPY WITH ME AND I HAVE HAD SOME REALLY POSITIVE COMMENTS ON MY TWITTER PAGE**

keep working as hard as you can. As a goalkeeper you have to have confidence in your ability and not let things affect you."

Certainly a determined attitude served East well so far. He was in Wolverhampton Wanderers' Academy before being shown the door, but used his intuition to earn himself another chance in the game.

"I had been at Wolves for five years, but rather than sit about hoping for someone to call I got in touch with my mum's cousin who used to produce Match of the Day, and together we made a DVD and sent it around to loads of clubs," he reveals. "It took a lot of time and effort but I received a lot of feedback and then Brighton offered me a trial and gave me a deal at the start of last season, so the hard work paid off!"

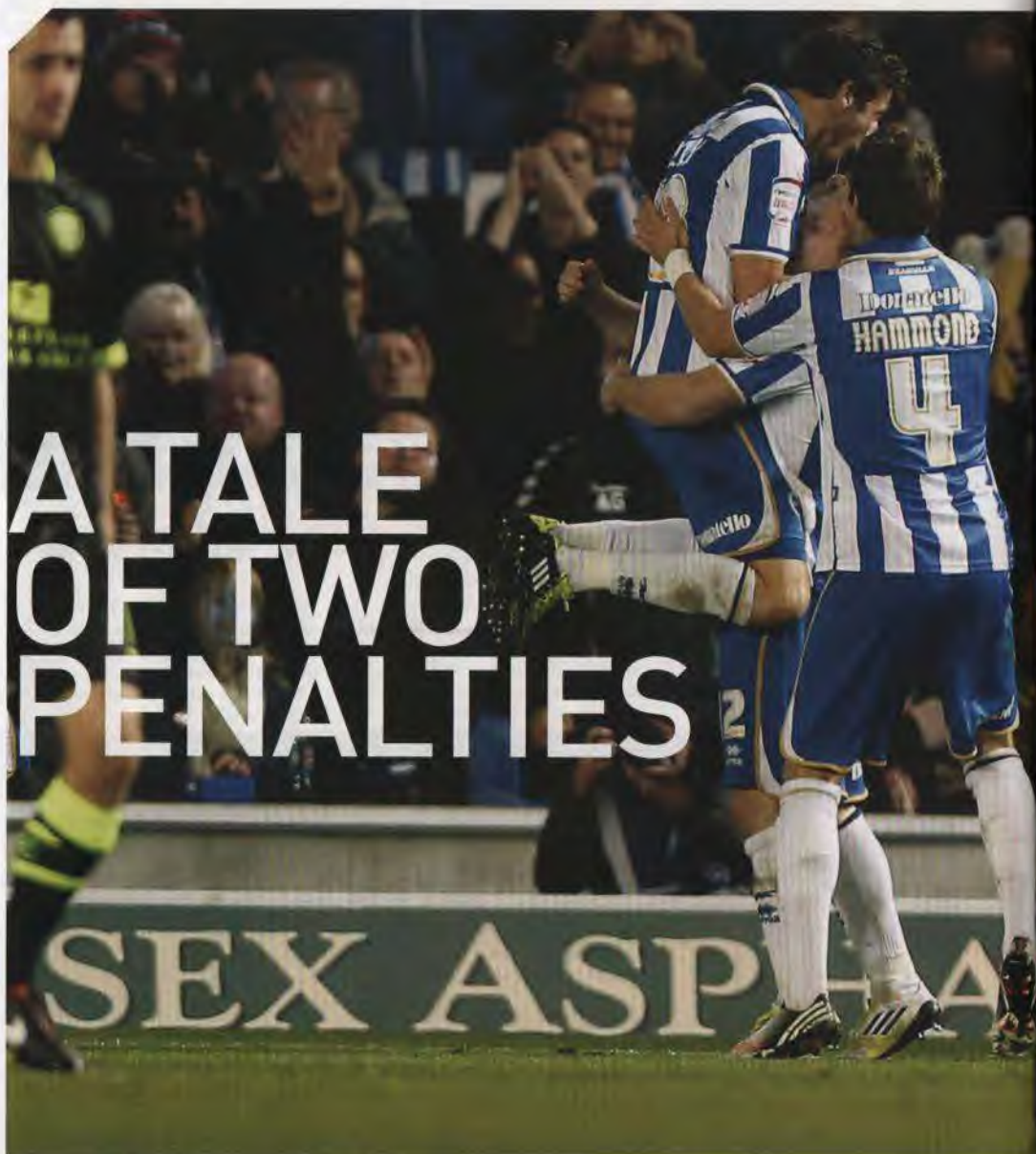
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Decisions went against us and it cost us dearly. I try to be very respectful but I do wonder what people would say if one of my players dived the way that Varney dived for their penalty. I hope that Neil Warnock will deal with the player internally because he would not like it if it was the other way around. Then if a player deserves to get sent-off they have got to go. Michael Brown had a fantastic game, and I'm pleased for him, but he should not have been on the pitch when his shot led to the second goal, and everyone knows that

Gus Poyet

### THE PLAYER

I am disappointed that I did not put the ball in the back of the net from the penalty because it more than likely would have wrapped up the three points. It is difficult because after scoring one you try and think, 'do I go a different way or do I stay in the same place as I did before?' So I thought I would go another way but maybe I should have smashed it down the middle again

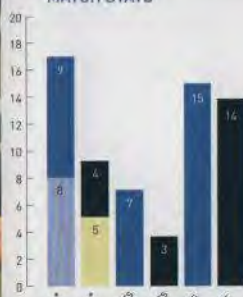
Craig Mackail-Smith

### THE PRESS

Albion's potent attacking force of Will Buckley, Ashley Barnes, Orlandi and Mackail-Smith, full of energy and creativity, combined to great effect and caused Leeds serious problems until the penalty that opened the scoring after 16 minutes. Buckley danced through the United defence and tumbled over the challenge of the visiting captain, Lee Peltier. Mackail-Smith made no mistake from the spot, blasting straight down the middle of Kenny's goal

The Guardian

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# GLEN REA

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HEIGHT: 6ft  
WEIGHT: 11st 4lbs

## THEN...

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**His team-mates often name him as the most skilful player in the U18 squad, but Glen Rea is in fact an 'old-school' centre-half...**

I have been at the club for eight years now so it has been a long time, a great journey and the football we play has changed drastically over the last few years.

I play in the centre of defence, I would say I am more of an old-school defender but the coaching staff has been telling me to calm myself down on the ball. I am good on the ball but agree I do need to calm down a bit because at this club you have to play out from the back, and as a centre-half you see a lot of the ball.

I genuinely like defending. I prefer it to anything else on the pitch and my idol is John Terry because of the way he plays. I would not say I am like him as a player but I have the same sort of determination to stop a goal. I put everything on the line to prevent the other side scoring.

At the club, I look up to Adam El-Abd who is not the most technically gifted defender, he even admits that

himself, but he works so hard in the gym so he can be physically strong and be the best type of defender he can be – and that is what makes him a really good centre-half.

People have complimented my performances this season but I can't really talk about myself in that way, I am not that sort of person. It is obviously nice that people are pleased with me but you let your performances do the talking for you and show it every day. Even if you happen to be the best player you don't need to run around and shout about it. If you had that sort of attitude then you would get shot down here because the coaching staff want to keep you level headed. The best

example is Lionel Messi, who is arguably the best player in the world but he does not go around saying that, he lets his football do the talking.

This season we are playing better sides so the games are quicker and harder than

before but we always have the ball. We keep possession for long periods but it is when teams break on us that it becomes the most difficult. We need to learn how to become a more solid unit although in the past month we have done that and you can see the improvements. We are not as open and have tightened up compared to the start of the season.

We are building up to the FA Youth Cup match at the Amex against Stoke on December 11 but we have some big games before then so we are focused on those matches first. You can only focus on the next game, that's always the most important one.

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# The MARMITE Men

Loved by some, heckled mercilessly by others, Spencer Vignes takes a look at the Albion players who have polarised opinions down the years. Today it's the turn of an influential yet for some frustrating face from the Barry Lloyd era, Dean Wilkins

"He can't kick with his left foot, he can't head, he can't tackle, and he doesn't score many goals. Apart from that, he's all right." So the late George Best once famously remarked of David Beckham. Substitute the left foot for a right one and in the eyes of some Albion fans he might just as easily have been talking about another midfielder more familiar to these parts who didn't like heading or tackling and whose goals to games ratio begged questions. Mind you, his left foot was pretty handy especially from set-pieces, and that alone meant Dean Wilkins always had allies among the Albion faithful.

Born into the mother of all footballer families (his dad and three brothers all played professionally), Dean took his first steps in an Albion shirt at the start of the 1983-84 campaign having been deemed surplus to requirements by QPR. He barely featured though and was released by manager Chris Cattlin towards the end of that season, ending up in Holland with PEC Zwolle on the recommendation of Albion's dynamic if slightly mad midfielder Hans Kraay. There he was able to get first-team experience and Dean arrived back in Sussex some three years later courtesy of our then-gaffer Barry Lloyd, a man with an eye for a talented bargain.

Albion were then residing in what is now League One, home to more tough guys than 100 Jason Statham films combined. By no stretch of the imagination could Dean be described as a tough guy and this reluctance to get stuck in soon turned a sizeable number of fans against him. One North

Stand regular I knew used to regularly hum the theme tune from the TV show *Dallas* when the ball ended up in Dean's possession. He never explained why but everyone understood the point he was making (ie style over substance). Yet as the months rolled by so 'Wendy' (for that was his nickname) started becoming ever more important to the team. The lad could pass, so long as the ball was coming off his left foot, and as the 'assists' piled up so [a] the boo-boys learned to tolerate him, and [b] he began assembling a small band of admirers. He never completely shook off his detractors – some supporters still question what Dean ever did for us other than score 'that' free-kick – but the baiting largely stopped.

Hey? What do I mean by 'that' free kick? Oh alright then, it's time to relive the events of Saturday 11th May 1991 at the Goldstone Ground. By that time Albion had climbed into the second tier and were pushing for promotion to the top flight. However, having looked like certainties for a play-off place since Christmas, Lloyd's side suddenly found themselves in danger of missing out altogether during the closing minutes of the regular season. With Barnsley having already beaten Middlesbrough 1-0 at Oakwell, Albion had to find themselves a late-late winner at home to Ipswich or end the campaign with nothing, nada, zilch. Deep

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into injury-time we got ourselves a free-kick just outside Town's penalty area and up stepped Dean to address the situation.

"I would've put all the money in the world on Dean Wilkins scoring that free-kick," former Albion centre-forward Mike Small once said, showing far more faith in our number four than I remember having at the time. "They had Tony Parks in goal who wasn't looking in the best of shape, so I knew if Dean could get the ball over the wall it would go in. I'd seen him score before from a similar position when we were both playing out in Holland, and that was going through my mind as I watched him place the ball and step back to hit it."

After what seemed like an eternity and with many fans barely able to look, Deano made contact and... scored! Albion had won 2-1 and were in the play-offs. Cue a pitch invasion and tears of emotion from ecstatic, relieved supporters of all ages. For that moment alone I know I will always smile when I think of Dean 'Wendy' Wilkins, our very own David Beckham and Bobby Ewing all rolled into one.

## What happened next?

Injuries eventually caught up with Dean and he parted company with the Albion in 1996 having racked up 375 appearances and 31 goals for the club. He wasn't away from the place long though, returning after a spell playing non-league to take charge of our youth set-up. When manager Mark McGhee was sacked in September 2006 it was Dean who stepped into the void, initially on a caretaker basis. By the end of the month he had the job permanently. Despite leading the team to seventh place in his first full season in charge (2007-08) Dean parted company with the club at the end of the campaign leaving the path clear for Micky Adams to return as manager. After declining an offer to become Albion's first-team coach Dean later resurfaced further along the south coast as Alan Pardew's assistant at Southampton. He is still at St Mary's today, acting as coach to the first XI.



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## ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY

# SEBASTIAN SPREADS OUR MESSAGE FAR AND WIDE

Albion in the Community's reach extends far further than the Sussex boundaries, writes Dan Tester

Founded seven years ago as part of Coaching for Hope, AITC's International department, headed by Jacob Naish, works across the world in countries such as Lesotho, Jordan, Indonesia, Burkina Faso, India and Russia delivering education and health awareness courses.

A great example of its innovative nature is Sebastian Morua Hernandez, who has worked with AITC since 2008. The 24-year-old from San Jose, Costa Rica, moved to Brighton to study International Relations and Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

"I first started working with AITC during my first year at university," recalls the South American. "I thought my course was too abstract and wanted to put it into practice through something I liked, so I chose football. I contacted Jacob through my course co-ordinator and one week later I started an internship that lasted a year, before I started working for AITC part-time.

"I assisted Jacob with the co-ordination and development of the international programme and in 2009 AITC put me through an FA Level 1 Football Coaching Course so I started doing some community coaching in Brighton.

"The first time I did some field work with AITC was through our partnership with Coaching for Hope, in Bamako, Mali, in July 2009. Jacob and I went out for ten days to deliver a football coaching course that combined HIV/AIDS awareness workshops. Alongside local coaches we trained a group of approximately

75 coaches, men and women, some living with disabilities, on how to use football as a vehicle to deliver social messages."

In September 2009 Sebastian moved to Taiwan for an exchange programme where he used the skills learnt with AITC to assist the head coach of the men's football team. He also delivered training sessions on how football can be used to raise awareness about problems in a community/society.

Sebastian's earlier work in Mali triggered a desire to progress in sports and development. "It was a huge step for me to go to an African country to work, so it felt very rewarding," he added. "Doing that type of work, in a place where it was really needed, and with such a receptive and welcoming group, was an experience I will never forget.

"After Mali 2009 I was left with a thirst for more. AITC found an opportunity for me through Coaching for Hope and in September 2010 I moved to West Africa, and lived in Mali and Burkina Faso for a total of nine months. My main responsibility was to manage the Youth Leadership programme, which trains and helps young leaders to discover and reach their maximum potential through a football coaching course.

"In July 2011, I did some research in Brazil and Central America for three months. We wanted to start contributing to the world of social football in Latin America so I met with local organisations using football to bring about positive social change in their communities. I spent some



time in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador in Brazil, and visited organisations in Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. I was able to learn how they use football in their programmes, and also showed them what we do in AITC.





IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH ALBION IN  
THE COMMUNITY

In October 2011 Seb travelled to India where AITC had been working in partnership with local organisations and the OSCAR Foundation in Mumbai, Goa and

from across India, who all met up in Goa," he recalls. "During my time there I realised the huge potential our work has because the course served as a platform to, not only identify and raise awareness about social problems, but also to propose solutions that can materialise as social entrepreneurship projects. This was the case in Mumbai, where a few young men from the course identified the need for a computer centre in their community, a project which will pay for the football programme through its income."

After India, where he stayed for six months, Seb decided to dedicate all his attention to working in Latin America and in May 2012, he arrived in San Jose and began to register the Football OutReach and Albion in the Community brand there.

"Our vision was to be a regional hub for the great work AITC has developed through the years. We want to create a regional network of young leaders through sports and add value to the amazing initiatives local organisations have started."

"The way things are looking now we will focus on Youth Leadership and Disability, the latter being a quite underdeveloped area of sports in general here."

"I started the first training course for a group of 20 young people in September. They will learn about community leadership, football coaching, photography and will have a space to suggest social entrepreneurship projects. Once trained they will go out and form teams in their communities, design their own 'Social Messages through Football' sessions, and start knitting a network of young people that understand the transformative power of football."

Drissa for almost four years. His task was to shape the youth leadership programme and technically assist with organisational sustainability and growth.

"We delivered a course to 25 youths



## AITC noticeboard

### Want to Work

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For more information, contact Hayley.Funnell@albioninthecommunity.org.uk

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#### Have you had a positive experience of cancer?

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For more information please contact Sue Brown on 07880 1955516 sue.brown@albioninthecommunity.org.uk or Sarah Byrne on 07880 195517 sarah.byrne@albioninthecommunity.org.uk

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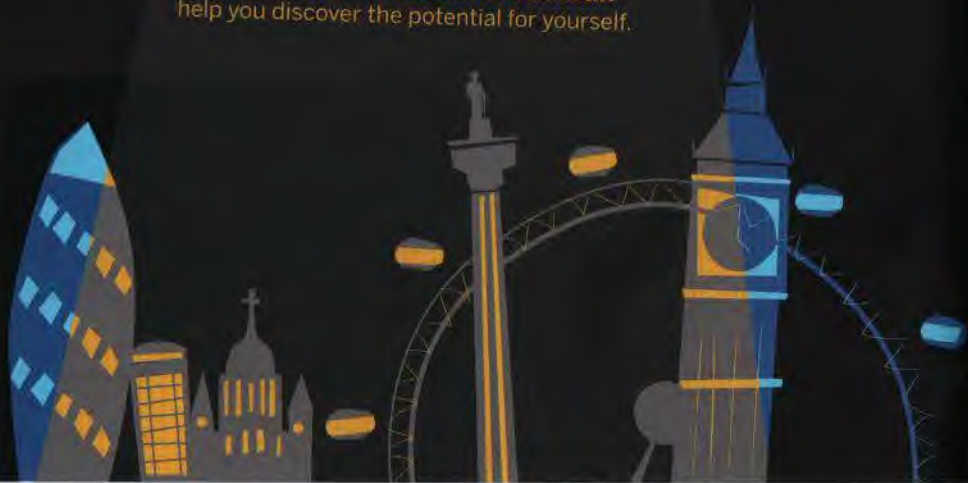
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# ALBION COMMERCIAL

## Christmas Parties at the Amex

The club is now taking bookings for the popular Christmas Parties at the Amex, which will include 17 events throughout December 2012.

Following the success of the 2011 festive season, partygoers will have the choice of two different themed evenings on nine nights.

'The Soul Train' will be the theme in the Bupa Lounge and due to high demand the Amex welcomes back JD following his hit performances last December. He will be performing during the second and third week, while Audley Anderson will be entertaining the guests during the first and fourth week.

During 2003 British soul singer Anderson reached the 13-act final of the BBC's Fame Academy from 30,000 hopefuls. Since then he has moved on to make a career out of supporting top UK and US acts Omar, Boyz II Men and Tyrese.

In the Profile Lounge this year the nights will be 'Sinatra and Swing' and all of the nights will be hosted by one of the UK's top Sinatra tribute singers Kevin Fitzsimmons.

London-born Fitzsimmons has performed at a huge variety of venues over the years, ranging from world class hotels, jazz clubs, regional theatres, stately homes, palaces and chateaux, museums and a Premier League football match.

His long list of high-end clients is both impressive and enviable, while his television appearances include E4's Made In Chelsea, BBC's Don't Tell The Bride & Sky's Wedding TV.

The Amex 2011 Christmas Parties raised over £7,000 for The Argus Appeal and will again support the Brighton-based charity throughout December 2012.

The party bus service will also be available for booking by guests who require transport to Brighton or Hove. Prices start at £39.50 per person. To book your night please e-mail [christmas@bhafc.co.uk](mailto:christmas@bhafc.co.uk) or call 01273 878272.

The full list of available dates is as follows:

Week 1: Saturday 1st  
December Week 2:  
Friday 7th and  
Saturday 8th  
December Week 3:  
Thursday 13th, Friday  
14th and Saturday 15th  
December Week 4:  
Wednesday 19th, Friday  
21st and Saturday 22nd  
December



## BID FOR SOME GREAT MEMORABILIA

The club is currently offering two items on the official Albion eBay page that will make fantastic Christmas presents.

Fans can bid for a framed montage of Will Buckley (pictured), of which three will only ever be produced, including Will's original signature. The club is also auctioning a ball signed by 17 of the current first team. Both auctions finish on Wednesday 28th November. More items will be on offer in the coming weeks so visit [www.ebay.co.uk](http://www.ebay.co.uk) and search for the club's official eBay account 'bhafc1901'.

## STOP PRESS

Following his two goals against Huddersfield last Saturday, we will also be auctioning Will Buckley's shirt from that match. Again, the auction will finish on Wednesday 28th November at [www.ebay.co.uk](http://www.ebay.co.uk).

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# THE INSIDER

Want the latest Championship gossip and banter? Then look no further than our man on the inside. Today he starts with a stripped down Neil Warnock...



## Pants!

The Insider feels sick to the stomach whenever it thinks back to the Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds game last month.

Not because of that Leeds fan's disgraceful attack on Owls keeper Chris Kirkland – although that was bad enough – but the revelation by Leeds boss Neil Warnock that he was standing in the dressing room afterwards in just his pants [urgh!] when a furious Kirkland charged in and had a go at him for claiming on TV that he had gone down too easily in the attack.

Warnock said: "I was going to get dressed and go and apologise to him."

"But as I was standing there in my briefs with a towel the door opened, a furious Chris Kirkland pushed his way in and grabbed hold of me."

"He's a big lad and but for the intervention of one or two of our staff he might have done something he regretted."

"But I honestly couldn't blame him. I'd have felt the same if it had been the other way around. I apologised to him unreservedly."

Luckily Kirkland was not seriously injured by the fan – but The Insider understands he is undergoing professional counselling after seeing Warnock in his pants.



## Home from home

Anybody who reckons Ian Holloway had been plotting his exit from Blackpool for ages might want to have a word with his estate agent.

Oily left the Tangerines to take over at Crystal Palace this month, just weeks after buying a new house in the seaside town.

If the prospect of losing a packet in the current housing slump is not bad enough, he still has most of his belongings inside the property.

He has told pals he fears he will be lynched if he

goes back to Blackpool at the moment.

So he is waiting until things cool off before he moves his stuff out.



## Here is the snoods

New Burnley boss Sean Dyche has banned his players from wearing hats and gloves at training.

The Insider reckons that is a bit harsh given that temperatures at Turf Moor rarely rise above freezing.

Even in the summer.





## Not on my watch!

Millwall have called in the police after Josh Wright became their latest star to have an expensive watch stolen in a dressing room theft.

The midfielder - the younger brother of TOWIE star Mark - had his £8,000 Cartier pinched from his jacket pocket while he was training at the club's training HQ in Beckenham.

That theft came just days after two team-mates had their designer watches stolen from the dressing room at The Den as they were playing in the Lions' 4-0 win over Huddersfield.

Two other Lions players also had their timepieces nicked from the dressing room in separate incidents at the training ground in March.

Police and the club are studying CCTV footage in a bid to find the culprit.

Wright added: "The sooner they catch the person or persons responsible the better.

"And when they do I hope they are named and shamed."



## Hell's Bells!

Craig Bellamy returned to full training with Cardiff last month but The Insider reckons his entrance was not as spectacular as the time he once turned up late at Blackburn.

The Rovers players were already warming up on their training pitch when a helicopter began circling overhead.

They initially thought it was just a fan or a TV camera crew. But they were forced to scarper when it landed in the centre circle and out jumped Bellamy who apologised to his stunned team-mates for being late.



## Go West!

There was not much to smile about when England lost 4-2 to Sweden in Stockholm last week.

But The Insider did have a little chuckle at Roy Hodgson referring to Germany in a post-match interview as 'Western Germany'.

Poor old Roy, they say the memory is the first thing to go when you get old!

Blackpool's Tom Ince revealed that when he was at Liverpool Hodgson used to keep calling him by his dad's name Paul.

No wonder he jumped at the chance to join Blackpool.

Poor old Roy, they say the memory is the first thing to go when you get old.

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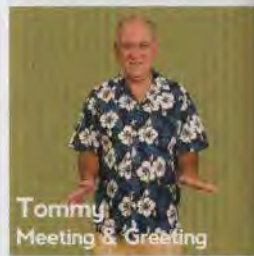
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## **So what's our recent record like at our old adversaries?**

Albion played out an entertaining 1-1 draw at Selhurst Park last January as both teams converted second-half penalties. The game was an intense battle between two well-matched sides striving to break into the Championship's play-off places. Prior to last season's meeting, Albion defeated their hosts 1-0 in 2005 thanks to Paul McShane's header which helped erase memories of the 5-0 thumping three years earlier.

## **What about our overall record at Selhurst?**

Of the 46 times the club have played there, we've only recorded 12 wins. In fact, Palace have won four of the last six meetings between the teams in South London. Brighton's win in 2005 was their first in the league at Selhurst Park since 1983.

## **What is Selhurst Park like?**

Having first opened in 1924, the ground is a little old-fashioned in places but its newest two-tier stand, called the Holmesdale Road Stand, is still relatively new having opened in 1995. Opposite lies the Whitehorse Lane Stand, which was reduced in capacity in the 1980s when land was sold for a Sainsbury's superstore that still exists today.

## **How far is it from the Amex and how do I get there?**

Being only 45 miles away, Selhurst Park provides a much-welcomed short away trip. Supporters should travel up the M23 before emerging onto the A23 just before you reach Croydon. Continue forward on this road until you come to Fiveways Corner, where fans should turn right onto the A232. Leave this road and join the

A212 once you enter central Croydon. Continue forward through Croydon Underpass and follow signs to Selhurst and Thornton Heath. Then join the A213, turn onto Clifton Road, then Wooderson Close.

## **So where do we sit?**

Away supporters are housed on the right-hand side of the Arthur Wait stand. However, be prepared for the large supporting pillars which hold up the ground's TV gantry.

## **What is the parking situation?**

Most streets around the ground are designated residents-only parking on matchdays. Some streets have a pay and display system in place with a four hour limit. Fans are advised to take note of any street signs advising of parking restrictions.

## **I tend to travel by train. Where is the nearest train station?**

Selhurst or Thornton Heath, which are served by London Victoria. Both these stations are no more than a 15 minute walk away from the ground. Supporters could also travel to Norwood Junction, but this station is a little further away from the ground.

## **What about a pre-match pint?**

Due to the intense rivalry between supporters, Albion fans are advised not to drink close to the ground.

## **Anything else worth a look at if I get there early?**

The historic site of Croydon Airport is worth a venture. Previously England's principal airport before Heathrow took the honour in the late 1940s, the site has been closed as an

## **The Lowdown**

Albion's bitter rivals were expected to struggle this season and much to the chagrin of many Seagulls fans, they have become the surprise package so far this year. Former Albion hit-man Glenn Murray has grabbed 15 goals this season, including two hat-tricks, whilst Wilfried Zaha's performances earned him an England cap against Sweden. Palace lost two out of their first three games, including a 4-1 hammering by Bristol City, but began to soar from that moment on and have recorded impressive away victories over Bolton and Wolves. They also came back from two goals down to Cardiff City at Selhurst Park to eventually win 3-2. The Eagles' form prompted manager Dougie Freedman to quit for Bolton but Ian Holloway has since stepped in and guided the side to four straight victories, including a 3-0 home win against Derby last Saturday.



operational airport for over 50 years. Most of the area has been built over, but there are still buildings and monuments from the original structure standing.

## **Next at the Amex:**

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# Read all about it!

Each programme we've been profiling Albion staff members, fans or associated currently making the news. Tonight we speak to Ian Green and Christine Warrent who are gearing up for Christmas inside the Albion stores at the Amex and in Queens Road

With Christmas fast approaching on the horizon, the Albion stores, both at the Amex and in Queens Road, have never been busier.

It's certainly been all hands to the pump for Ian Green and his team, with the mail order arm of our retail department – [www.seagulldirect.co.uk](http://www.seagulldirect.co.uk) – particularly prosperous.

From 2013 calendars to duvet covers, scarves and hats to Albion gnomes, Christmas gifts have been flying off the shelves, and with delivery guaranteed to your doorstep in the UK within just 24 hours (a quick-fire service that Amazon can only dream of matching!), it's little wonder the mail order team – led by Christine Warrent – are currently sending out over 100 parcels a day!

"The fact that we are able to dispatch within 24 hours has made our online shop particularly popular," says Head of Retail Ian. "Christine has been sending out parcels from Brazil to Hong Kong and everywhere in between, but we also find a lot of people with BN postcodes buying online.

"At this time of year when people have so many things to think about when it comes to Christmas shopping, it's certainly the easiest option when buying your Albion gifts.

"You simply go online, purchase your product and you know that the following day you are guaranteed delivery straight to your door anywhere in the UK.

"Our overseas fans also receive their deliveries between four and seven days, and of course the online store is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

For Christine, the success of the online store last Christmas – our first at the Amex – has laid the foundations for another smooth-running operation this Yuletide.

"Last Christmas was mayhem!" she smiles. "I did have my reservations but the team of us – including Clare Chapman (wife of Director, Derek) who helped us out for three weeks – worked solidly leading up to Christmas.



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"It was all hands to the pump but everything ran smoothly. Looking at the number of orders coming in, it's going to be just as busy this year but we'll be ready and the experience of last season will definitely help."

The team are anticipating one particular day as being the busiest of the year; known as 'Cyber Monday' it's the date in late November when, traditionally, people do most of their online shopping ahead of Christmas.

"People are shopping earlier ahead of Christmas," Christine adds. "Last year we broke all records with the number of hits on our online shop website (Cyber Monday saw 1,333 visitors) (likewise the amount of money taken online, and this year we are anticipating similar numbers, particularly with the current offer we have of free postage and packing in the UK on orders placed by Tuesday (November 27))."

"We have also found that once people have used us once, and see how good the service is, they come back. In fact, we had over 149,000 new visitors to [seagulldirect.co.uk](http://seagulldirect.co.uk) last season, from 146 different countries and the website was translated into 118 different languages!"

Also available online is the sister site, [www.seagullspics.com](http://www.seagullspics.com), which Ian says is also proving popular ahead of Christmas. "If you're looking for a specific personalised gift, we have hundreds of different images, both historical and current, which you can then purchase either as a standalone print or put on maybe a mug or mouse mat."

Yet for the more traditional shopper, the Amex and Queens Road stores are also gearing up for a hectic month. With nine full-time staff, two part-time day members and a huge team of Saturday and matchday staff working across both stores, Ian has been particularly

impressed with the success of the Amex store.

"One of the most pleasing aspects has been the success of the store on match days," he says. "It's not just about selling the shirts and scarves. There cannot be many retail stores that serve as many people as we do in a two or three hour period on a Saturday."

"We have to manage the large numbers of people who visit the store ensuring we maintain a safe shopping environment at all times. It's like Next having a Boxing Day sale 23 times a year! They call me 'The Queue Master' in the shop as every week I try to come up with a new and imaginative way of forming the shop till queues... and every week I declare 'This is the best queue yet!' I'm very lucky that I have a great retail team around me and it's credit to them that things run so smoothly."

"We've also recently made a couple of changes in the Queens Road shop to create some more space. It's still as popular as ever and is a vital part of our department. Nearly all of the products that we sell in the main store can be purchased at Queens Road too, including matchday tickets, so pop in if you are in town. Steve, Hayley, Matt and Sam will always be pleased to see you!"

- To buy online visit [www.seagulldirect.co.uk](http://www.seagulldirect.co.uk). Last posting ahead of Christmas is Thursday December 20, with special delivery up to Saturday December 22 (with guaranteed delivery on Christmas Eve). Overseas last posting (worldwide) is December 7 and for Europe December 12.
- Personalised products can be purchased at [www.seagullspics.com](http://www.seagullspics.com)
- The Amex store is open from Mon to Sat 9.00am-5.00pm and the Queens Road store is open 9.30am-5.30pm. Both stores will also be open on Sundays in the build-up to Xmas and look out for some late night shopping opportunities too
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**Main:** Ian and Christine gear up for Christmas  
**Left:** The Amex store staff get in the Yuletide spirit!

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### ✓ Fusilli alla Siciliana

Aubergine, green peppers, garlic, olives, capers, tomato, parsley

### Scampi Fritti

Fried scampi served with chips and tartar sauce

### Pizza Funghi e Prosciutto

Tomato, mozzarella, ham & mushrooms

### Pizza American Hot

Tomato, mozzarella, spicy sausage & chillies

### ✓ Pizza Capricciosa

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After the success of the column I wrote on the website during our pre-season training camp in Spain, I know a lot of fans enjoyed the insight into the playing side of the club – and many have asked if I would keep writing throughout the season. So, with the Gaffer's permission I am going to offer some light-hearted comments on the day-to-day goings on at the Albion...

## CHARLIE OATWAY

Stretch (Matt Miller) decided it was time for a change on his last visit to the barbers, but when he got into training he was absolutely hammered for his new style by all the lads. Typically, instead of just ignoring it, he decided he needed to go and get it sorted.

**IN ALL MY YEARS IN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL, I HAVE NEVER KNOWN A COACH DROP ANYONE AT THEIR FRONT DOOR... A CHAIRMAN, MANAGER, STAR PLAYER... LET ALONE A GOALKEEPING COACH!**



However, he didn't want to offend his hairdresser so he spent an afternoon hanging around, scoping the shop to make sure the coast was clear. Once it was he went back in and pretended he just wanted a little bit extra off with one of the other hairdressers... so they began doing his hair but midway through, his regular hairdresser came back and caught him. He asked Stretch what was going on... and typically he dug himself even deeper and offended the guy so much, he is now contemplating a change of career!

A few of the lads are entering teams into the testimonial quiz this week, but it's well known that I am not the most academic or educated

and that quizzes are not really my strength. So it comes to something when someone begs me to join their team... Matt Sparrow has been asking me every day and offering me money to be on his team... his team must be absolutely rubbish!

Congratulations are in order for Andrew Crofts on his recent new addition to the family. Belle Lily Crofts arrived last Saturday, so on behalf of the club I offer my best wishes to mum, dad and baby. One of the nurses at the hospital told me that she is a definite chip off the old block, as within an hour of arriving she was doing a quick circuit, including weights, press-ups and pull-ups – and Crofty has already switched her on to protein shakes in her feeding bottle!

Coming back from Huddersfield last week, Andy Beasley asked the gaffer if he could get dropped off as his family home is in the East Midlands. The gaffer was okay with that, and we expected his missus was going to meet him at the junction... no chance. As we got to his junction he moved to the front of the coach. "Come off here... over that roundabout... turn left here... chuck a right onto Church Road... keep going... yes, that's it, stop at number 24!" In all my years in professional football, I have never known a coach drop anyone at their front door... a chairman, manager, star player... let alone a goalkeeping coach!

While on the subject

of the goalkeepers, I think Tomasz and Casper must have been playing who's got the strongest finger... I'm not sure what they have been doing, whether they have been slamming them in car doors, fridges, cupboards or what, but you should see the state of them. All I can say is that it was dead lucky Brez didn't join in before last week's trip to Huddersfield!

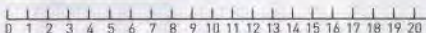
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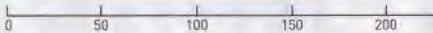
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We look at the latest movers and shakers in the 2012-13 npower Championship

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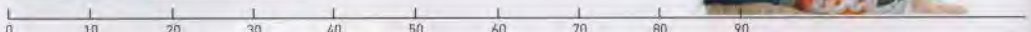


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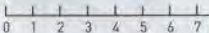
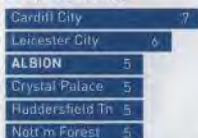


BOLTON HAVE FIRED OFF THE MOST SHOTS WITH 129 ON TARGET, FOLLOWED BY THE ALBION (104)

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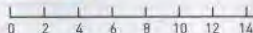
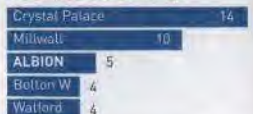


## CLEAN SHEETS



BRISTOL CITY HAVE NOW GONE 11 GAMES WITHOUT A WIN, WITH WOLVES NEXT ON 7

## GAMES SINCE DEFEAT



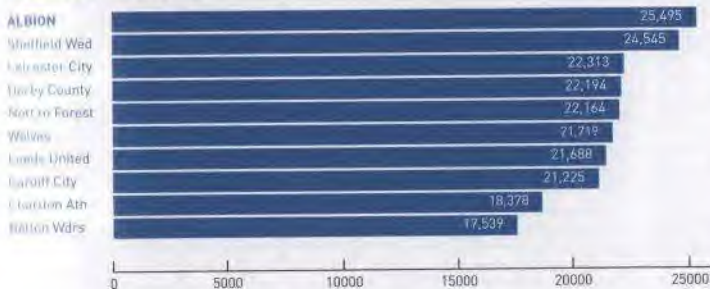
WATFORD HAVE USED THE MOST PLAYERS (32), FOLLOWED BY IPSWICH AND MIDDLESBROUGH ON 29







## AVERAGE ATTENDANCES



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## Development squad fixtures 2012-13

Professional Development League Two South

| August    | Opponent            |       |  |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|--|
| Mon 20    | A Cardiff City      | L 1-2 |  |
| Mon 27    | H Bristol City      | W 1-0 |  |
| September |                     |       |  |
| Sat 1     | A Swansea City      | W 2-1 |  |
| Sat 16    | A Ipswich Town      | L 0-1 |  |
| Mon 24    | H Colchester United | W 6-2 |  |
| October   |                     |       |  |
| Mon 1     | H QPR               | D 1-1 |  |
| Mon 22    | H Brentford         | L 1-2 |  |
| Mon 29    | A Charlton Athletic | D 0-0 |  |
| November  |                     |       |  |
| Mon 5     | H Cardiff City      | W 1-0 |  |
| Wed 14    | A Worthing (SSC)    | W 2-0 |  |
| December  |                     |       |  |
| Mon 3     | H Swansea City      |       |  |
| Mon 10    | A Barnet            |       |  |
| January   |                     |       |  |
| Fri 11    | A Millwall          |       |  |
| Mon 21    | A Colchester United |       |  |
| Mon 28    | H Ipswich Town      |       |  |
| February  |                     |       |  |
| Sat 9     | A QPR               |       |  |
| Mon 25    | H Barnet            |       |  |
| March     |                     |       |  |
| Tue 5     | A Brentford         |       |  |
| Mon 11    | H Charlton Athletic |       |  |
| Sat 30    | A Bristol City      |       |  |
| April     |                     |       |  |
| Mon 8     | H Millwall          |       |  |

## Youth squad fixtures 2012-13

Professional Development League Two South U-18

| August    | Opponent            |       |  |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|--|
| Mon 20    | H Cardiff City      | W 2-1 |  |
| Sat 25    | A Bristol City      | W 3-2 |  |
| September |                     |       |  |
| Sat 1     | H Swansea City      | L 0-2 |  |
| Sat 15    | H Ipswich Town      | D 1-1 |  |
| Sat 22    | A Colchester United | L 1-3 |  |
| Sat 29    | A QPR               | W 1-0 |  |
| October   |                     |       |  |
| Sat 6     | H Barnet            | P-P   |  |
| Sat 20    | A Brentford         | P-P   |  |
| Sat 27    | H Charlton Athletic | L 1-3 |  |
| November  |                     |       |  |
| Wed 14    | A Cardiff City      | D 1-1 |  |
| December  |                     |       |  |
| Sat 1     | A Swansea City      |       |  |
| Tue 11    | H Stoke City (FAYC) |       |  |
| January   |                     |       |  |
| Sat 12    | H Millwall          |       |  |
| Sat 19    | H Colchester United |       |  |
| Sat 26    | A Ipswich Town      |       |  |
| February  |                     |       |  |
| Sat 9     | H QPR               |       |  |
| Sat 23    | H Barnet            |       |  |
| March     |                     |       |  |
| Sat 2     | H Brentford         |       |  |
| Sat 9     | A Charlton Athletic |       |  |
| Sat 30    | H Bristol City      |       |  |
| April     |                     |       |  |
| Sat 6     | A Millwall          |       |  |

## Albion Women's fixtures 2012-13

The FA Women's Premier League Southern Division

| August    | Opponent                     |        |  |
|-----------|------------------------------|--------|--|
| Sun 19    | H Tottenham Hotspur          | W 4-0  |  |
| Sun 26    | A West Ham United            | L 0-2  |  |
| September |                              |        |  |
| Sun 9     | H Colchester United          | W 4-3  |  |
| Sun 16    | A Lewes                      | D 0-0  |  |
| Sun 23    | H Lewes (WPLC)               | W 5-2  |  |
| Sun 30    | A Yeovil Town                | W 2-1  |  |
| October   |                              |        |  |
| Sun 7     | H Gillingham                 | D 2-2  |  |
| Sun 14    | A Charlton Athletic (WPLC)   | L 2-5  |  |
| Sun 28    | A Seahaven Hrs (SCFA Cup)    | W 14-0 |  |
| November  |                              |        |  |
| Sun 4     | H Gillingham (WPLC)          | W 3-2  |  |
| Sun 11    | H Reading                    | W 4-3  |  |
| Sun 18    | H Eastbourne Town (SCFA Cup) | W 1-0  |  |
| Sun 25    | A Millwall (WPLC)            |        |  |
| December  |                              |        |  |
| Sun 2     | H West Ham United            |        |  |
| Sun 9     | A Colchester United          |        |  |
| Sun 16    | H Lewes                      |        |  |
| January   |                              |        |  |
| Sun 6     | FA Women's Cup               |        |  |
| Sun 13    | H Yeovil Town                |        |  |
| Sun 20    | A Gillingham                 |        |  |
| Sun 27    | H QPR                        |        |  |
| February  |                              |        |  |
| Sun 6     | FA Women's Cup               |        |  |
| Sun 13    | A Millwall                   |        |  |
| Sun 20    | A Reading                    |        |  |

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| Swansea City   | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 8  | 14 | -6 | 9  |
| Colchester Utd | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | -9 | 7  |
| Millwall       | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 19 | -9 | 6  |
| Barnet         | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 9  | 17 | -8 | 3  |

|                   | P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Gd  | Pt |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|----|
| Charlton Athletic | 9  | 7 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 9  | +20 | 22 |
| Colchester Utd    | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 17 | +10 | 22 |
| QPR               | 9  | 6 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 11 | +11 | 18 |
| Ipswich Town      | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 15 | +12 | 17 |
| ALBION            | 9  | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 13 | -2  | 14 |
| Bristol City      | 7  | 4 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 17 | +2  | 12 |
| Cardiff City      | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 18 | -1  | 11 |
| Millwall          | 11 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 18 | -2  | 11 |
| Swansea City      | 8  | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 28 | -16 | 7  |
| Barnet            | 7  | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7  | 16 | -9  | 6  |
| Brentford         | 10 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 35 | -25 | 2  |

|                    | P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Gd  | Pt |
|--------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|----|
| Reading            | 8  | 6 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 9  | +23 | 18 |
| Millwall Lionesses | 7  | 6 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 6  | +6  | 18 |
| ALBION             | 7  | 4 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 11 | +5  | 14 |
| West Ham United    | 7  | 4 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 4  | +6  | 13 |
| Yeovil Town        | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 13 | +1  | 12 |
| Gillingham         | 8  | 2 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 16 | -3  | 9  |
| Tottenham H        | 9  | 2 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 20 | -8  | 8  |
| Lewes              | 8  | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9  | 15 | -6  | 7  |
| Colchester United  | 7  | 1 | 3 | 3 | 9  | 15 | -6  | 6  |
| QPR                | 7  | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4  | 22 | -18 | 4  |

# Seagulls Stats

## 2012-13

### npower Championship table

|                        | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PT |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 1 Crystal Palace       | 17 | 11 | 3 | 3  | 35 | 22 | 13  | 36 |
| 2 Cardiff City         | 17 | 11 | 1 | 5  | 34 | 23 | 11  | 34 |
| 3 Middlesbrough        | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5  | 28 | 21 | 7   | 32 |
| 4 Hull City            | 17 | 10 | 1 | 6  | 27 | 23 | 4   | 31 |
| 5 Leicester City       | 17 | 9  | 3 | 5  | 29 | 16 | 13  | 30 |
| 6 Blackburn Rovers     | 17 | 7  | 7 | 3  | 26 | 20 | 6   | 28 |
| 7 BRIGHTON AND HA      | 17 | 7  | 6 | 4  | 24 | 15 | 9   | 27 |
| 8 Huddersfield Town    | 17 | 8  | 3 | 6  | 23 | 23 | 0   | 27 |
| 9 Millwall             | 17 | 7  | 5 | 5  | 30 | 26 | 4   | 26 |
| 10 Nottingham Forest   | 17 | 6  | 8 | 3  | 24 | 20 | 4   | 26 |
| 11 Watford             | 17 | 8  | 2 | 7  | 27 | 24 | 3   | 26 |
| 12 Blackpool           | 17 | 6  | 5 | 6  | 28 | 25 | 3   | 23 |
| 13 Derby County        | 17 | 6  | 5 | 6  | 25 | 24 | 1   | 23 |
| 14 Charlton Athletic   | 17 | 6  | 5 | 6  | 23 | 23 | 0   | 23 |
| 15 Burnley             | 17 | 7  | 2 | 8  | 30 | 32 | -2  | 23 |
| 16 Wolverhampton W     | 17 | 6  | 4 | 7  | 23 | 23 | 0   | 22 |
| 17 Bolton Wanderers    | 17 | 5  | 6 | 6  | 24 | 26 | -2  | 21 |
| 18 Leeds United        | 17 | 5  | 5 | 7  | 23 | 29 | -6  | 20 |
| 19 Birmingham City     | 17 | 5  | 5 | 7  | 20 | 26 | -6  | 20 |
| 20 Barnsley            | 17 | 4  | 4 | 9  | 16 | 25 | -9  | 18 |
| 21 Sheffield Wednesday | 17 | 4  | 3 | 10 | 21 | 30 | -9  | 15 |
| 22 Ipswich Town        | 17 | 3  | 4 | 10 | 13 | 38 | -25 | 13 |
| 23 Bristol City        | 17 | 3  | 3 | 11 | 25 | 34 | -9  | 12 |
| 24 Peterborough Utd    | 17 | 4  | 0 | 13 | 19 | 29 | -10 | 12 |

### Appearances and Goalscorers

|                         | Champ |    | CAP Cup |    | FA Cup |    |
|-------------------------|-------|----|---------|----|--------|----|
|                         | App   | Gl | App     | Gl | App    | Gl |
| 1. Peter Brezovan       | 1     | -  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 2. Bruno Saltor         | 15    | -  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 3. Gordon Greer         | 17    | 1  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 4. Dean Hammond         | 10(2) | -  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 5. Lewis Dunk           | 3     | -  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 6. Adam El-Abd          | 14    | 1  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 7. Will Hoskins         | (-2)  | -  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 8. Andrew Crofts        | 9(1)  | -  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 9. Ashley Barnes        | 15(2) | 4  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 10. Stephen Dobbie      | 3(8)  | 2  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 11. Craig Noone*        | 3     | -  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 11. Andrea Orlandi      | 8(3)  | -  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 12. Craig Mackail-Smith | 14    | 9  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 14. Inigo Calderon      | 2(4)  | -  | (-1)    | -  | -      | -  |
| 15. Vicente Rodriguez   | (-1)  | -  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 17. Ryan Harley         | (-2)  | -  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 18. Gary Dicker         | 9(4)  | -  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 21. David Lopez         | 3(4)  | -  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 22. Marcos Painter      | 1     | -  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 23. Torbjorn Agdestein  | 2     | -  | (-1)    | -  | -      | -  |
| 25. Kazenga Lua Lua     | (-2)  | -  | -       | -  | -      | -  |
| 26. Liam Bridcutt       | 16    | -  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 28. Wayne Bridge        | 16    | 2  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 29. Tomasz Kuszcza      | 16    | -  | 1       | -  | -      | -  |
| 30. Will Buckley        | 10(4) | 5  | -       | -  | -      | -  |



### Today's other Championship fixtures

|                     |                          |                   |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Sheffield Wednesday | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leicester City    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Derby County        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Birmingham City   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Middlesbrough       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bristol City      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hull City           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Burnley           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ipswich Town        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Peterborough Utd  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leeds United        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Crystal Palace    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Charlton Athletic   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Huddersfield Town | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wolverhampton W     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nott'm Forest     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Blackpool           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Watford           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Blackburn Rovers    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Millwall          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Barnsley            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cardiff City      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Date      Opposition      Result      Pos      Att      Away

### AUGUST

|             |                     |      |    |        |     |
|-------------|---------------------|------|----|--------|-----|
| Tuesday 14  | Swindon Town (CAP1) | L0-3 | -  | 5,737  | 714 |
| Saturday 18 | Hull City           | L0-1 | -  | 15,794 | 952 |
| Tuesday 21  | Cardiff City        | D0-0 | 21 | 25,518 | 784 |
| Saturday 25 | Barnsley            | W5-1 | 10 | 24,594 | 297 |

### SEPTEMBER

|             |                     |      |   |        |       |
|-------------|---------------------|------|---|--------|-------|
| Saturday 1  | Burnley             | W3-1 | 4 | 11,413 | 477   |
| Friday 14   | Sheffield Wednesday | W3-0 | 1 | 26,594 | 1,682 |
| Tuesday 18  | Watford             | W1-0 | 3 | 11,894 | 1,934 |
| Saturday 22 | Millwall            | W2-1 | 1 | 12,191 | 2,468 |
| Saturday 29 | Birmingham City     | L0-1 | 1 | 26,121 | 1,111 |

### OCTOBER

|             |                |      |    |        |       |
|-------------|----------------|------|----|--------|-------|
| Tuesday 2   | Ipswich Town   | D1-1 | 3  | 24,736 | 753   |
| Saturday 6  | Derby County   | D0-0 | 5  | 22,059 | 1,490 |
| Saturday 20 | Middlesbrough  | L0-1 | 8  | 26,293 | 1,216 |
| Tuesday 23  | Leicester City | L0-1 | 10 | 25,726 | 635   |
| Saturday 27 | Blackpool      | D1-1 | 10 | 14,038 | 998   |

### NOVEMBER

|             |                         |      |    |        |       |
|-------------|-------------------------|------|----|--------|-------|
| Friday 2    | Leeds United            | D2-2 | 10 | 26,402 | 2,062 |
| Saturday 6  | Peterborough United     | W1-0 | 8  | 23,703 | 247   |
| Saturday 10 | Wolverhampton Wanderers | D3-3 | 8  | 21,503 | 1,869 |
| Saturday 17 | Huddersfield Town       | W2-1 | 7  | 13,299 | 712   |
| Saturday 24 | Bolton Wanderers        |      |    |        |       |
| Tuesday 27  | Bristol City            |      |    |        |       |

### DECEMBER

|             |                   |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Saturday 1  | Crystal Palace    |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 8  | Charlton Athletic |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 15 | Nottingham Forest |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 18  | Millwall          |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 22 | Blackburn Rovers  |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 29 | Watford (5.20pm)  |  |  |  |  |

### JANUARY

|             |                  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Tuesday 1   | Ipswich Town     |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 12 | Derby County     |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 19 | Birmingham City  |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 26 | Blackburn Rovers |  |  |  |  |

### FEBRUARY

|             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Saturday 2  | Sheffield Wednesday |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 9  | Hull City           |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 16 | Barnsley            |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 19  | Cardiff City        |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 23 | Burnley             |  |  |  |  |

### MARCH

|             |                          |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Saturday 2  | Huddersfield Town        |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 5   | Bristol City             |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 9  | Bolton Wanderers         |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday 17   | Crystal Palace (12 noon) |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 30 | Nottingham Forest        |  |  |  |  |

### APRIL

|             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Tuesday 2   | Charlton Athletic   |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 6  | Leicester City      |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 13 | Middlesbrough       |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 16  | Peterborough United |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 20 | Blackpool           |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 27 | Leeds United        |  |  |  |  |

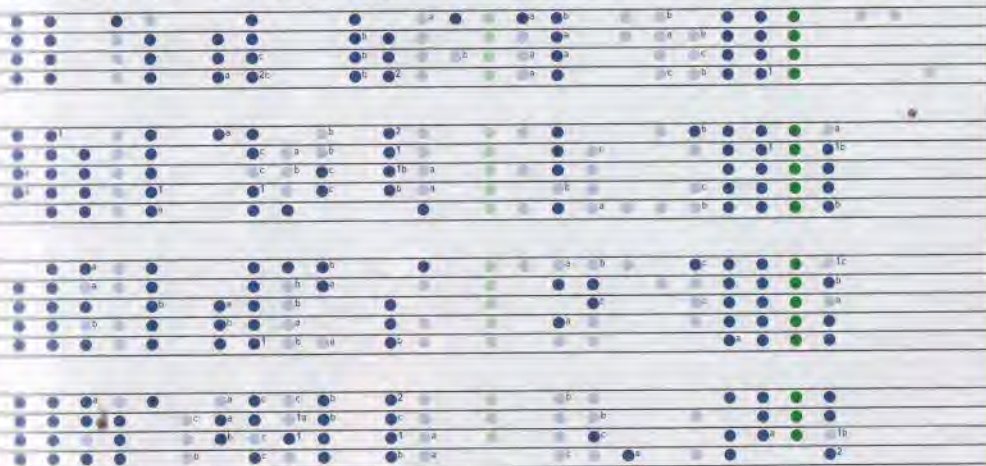
### MAY

|            |                         |  |  |  |  |
|------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Saturday 4 | Wolverhampton Wanderers |  |  |  |  |
|------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|

Home games in **bold** CAP (Capital One Cup)



Bruno Saltor  
 Gordon Greer  
 Dean Hammond  
 Lewis Dunk  
 Adam El-Abd  
 Will Hoskins  
 Andrew Crofts  
 Ashley Barnes  
 Stephen Dobbie  
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 Brennan Dickenson  
 George Baker



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# FOCUS ON DEAN HAMMOND

**FULL NAME:** Dean John Hammond

**BIRTHPLACE:** Hastings

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 7.3.83

**HEIGHT:** 6ft

**WEIGHT:** 11st 6lbs

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Brighton, Colchester, Southampton

**MARRIED:** Yes

**CAR:** Audi A5

**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Roy Keane or Paul Gascoigne

**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** West Ham, I didn't support them as a kid but I liked them and always look out for their results

**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT EVER FACED:** Carlos Tevez, when I played against West Ham in the FA Cup

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH EVER PLAYED IN:** Southampton v Coventry last season, the game we got promoted

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** I've been relegated a couple of times in my career and it's not very nice

**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Mexico

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Indian

**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Spending time with my family; I've got two kids and I love being a dad

**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Dishonest people

**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Only Fools and Horses

**FAVOURITE SINGER/ARTIST:** James Morrison and Coldplay

**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Denzel Washington

**BEST FRIEND:** Matt Heath at Colchester

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My family

**BIGGEST DRAG IN FOOTBALL:** Pre-season training

**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** None

**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be a good dad

**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To play in the Premier League

**IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE:** PE teacher

**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** There's nobody that springs to mind... pass



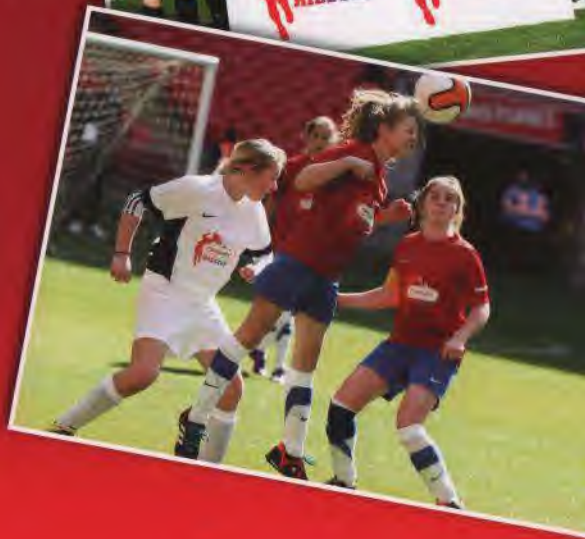


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## Albion

Manager: Gus Poyet

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## Trotters

Manager: Dougie Freedman



Today's Referee  
Mark Haywood (West Yorkshire)



Assistant Referee  
John Busby



Assistant Referee  
Gavin Muge

Fourth Official  
Andrew Laver

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Peter Brezovan [GK]   | 1  |
| Bruno Saltor          | 2  |
| Gordon Greer          | 3  |
| Dean Hammond          | 4  |
| Lewis Dunk            | 5  |
| Adam El-Abd           | 6  |
| Will Hoskins          | 7  |
| Andrew Crofts         | 8  |
| Ashley Barnes         | 9  |
| Stephen Dobbie        | 10 |
| Andrea Orlandi        | 11 |
| Craig Mackail-Smith   | 12 |
| Inigo Calderon        | 14 |
| Vicente Rodriguez     | 15 |
| Casper Ankergrén [GK] | 16 |
| Ryan Harley           | 17 |
| Gary Dicker           | 18 |
| David Lopez           | 21 |
| Marcos Painter        | 22 |
| Torbjorn Agdestein    | 23 |
| Kazenga LuaLua        | 25 |
| Liam Bridcutt         | 26 |
| Wayne Bridge          | 28 |
| Tomasz Kuszczak [GK]  | 29 |
| Will Buckley          | 30 |
| George Barker         | 33 |
| Charlie Oatway Jnr    | 36 |
| Brennan Dickenson     | 38 |

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| 1 Adam Bogdan [GK]    |
| 2 Tyrone Mears        |
| 3 Marcos Alonso       |
| 4 Matt Mills          |
| 5 Tim Ream            |
| 7 Chris Eagles        |
| 8 Keith Andrews       |
| 9 David Ngog          |
| 10 Martin Petrov      |
| 11 Gregg Wylde        |
| 12 Zat Knight         |
| 14 Kevin Davies       |
| 15 Stephen Warnock    |
| 16 Mark Davies        |
| 17 Benik Afobe        |
| 18 Sam Ricketts       |
| 19 Marvin Sordell     |
| 20 Jay Spearing       |
| 21 Darren Pratley     |
| 22 Stuart Holden      |
| 23 Joe Riley          |
| 24 Andy Lonergan [GK] |
| 25 Joshua Vela        |
| 26 Rob Lainton [GK]   |
| 27 Chung-Yong Lee     |
| 28 Andy Kellett       |
| 30 Michael O'Halloran |
| 31 David Wheeler      |
| 33 Adam Blakeman      |
| 34 Jay Lynch [GK]     |

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- It is not safe and can lead to a 'domino' effect as seat backs provide insufficient support to prevent fans toppling forward.
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- The club recognises that supporters may stand at exciting times of the match but that at all other times, supporters should sit.

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